

Rabin offers East Jerusalem Arabs the vote



CANADA, ISRAEL SIGN HEALTH PACT

Canada's Minister of Health and Welfare, Benoit Bouchard (left) and his Israeli counterpart, Haim Ramon, recently signed a joint agreement to share information on health services. The agreement, signed at the World Health Assembly held in Geneva, commits Canada and Israel to share data on health administration, biomedical research, care of the elderly, mental health care and drug production, among other areas. [Photo: L. Bianco]

JERUSALEM (JTA/JFES) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has agreed to allow Palestinians living in eastern Jerusalem to vote, but not run, in proposed elections for a self-governing authority in the territories.

Rabin, who made the comment in the first interview ever given by an Israeli prime minister to a local Palestinian newspaper, also said Israel would allow members of the U.S. Congress to monitor the elections.

Those positions are a departure from the policy of the previous Likud government, which opposed any involvement of Palestinians from eastern Jerusalem in the peace process and objected to the idea of international supervision of elections in the territories.

Rabin's statements, published June 10 in the eastern Jerusalem daily *Al Quds*, prompted mixed reactions.

The editor of *Al Quds* praised the Israeli leader's remarks, but complained that he did not go far enough to satisfy Palestinian demands on human rights.

But Knesset members of the opposition Likud party blasted Rabin for going too far in his comments. They claimed his remarks had opened the door to the redivision of Jerusalem and the possibility of supervision of the elections by the United Nations.

Likud Knesset Member Eliyahu Ben-Elissar termed the remarks another Israeli concession to the Arabs that runs counter to the guidelines established before the October 1991 conference in Madrid that launched the current peace process.

But the Prime Minister's Office took pains to clarify that Rabin said only that the United States could monitor, not su-

pervise, the elections. The office also insisted that allowing eastern Jerusalem residents to vote but not stand for election would not affect the city's unity.

Meanwhile, Nimrod Novik, a close associate of Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, was in Cairo, where it was reported he had a meeting June 9 with Osama el-Baz, foreign affairs adviser to Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. El-Baz reportedly had met the same day with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat.

A Foreign Ministry spokesperson said Novik's visit to Cairo was strictly a business trip and had no political implications.

There was speculation in the press, however, that Novik exchanged a message with Arafat at Peres' request, using el-Baz as the go-between.

Last Friday, one day after the Rabin interview was published, *Al Quds* reported that "high-level" Israeli and PLO officials had held several secret meetings during the preceding two weeks in different European cities, including Vienna.

According to the report, the meetings were held to discuss a joint declaration of principles, Israeli withdrawal from Gaza and the role of the PLO during the interim administration there.

Among the PLO officials present was Mahmoud Abbas, better known as Abu Mazen, who is the senior PLO coordinator of the Palestinian team at the peace talks and is considered one of the PLO's top three officials. The Israeli officials were not identified.

The report, datelined New York, came from "reliable political sources," *Al Quds* correspondent wrote.

Jews in a Changing World

Israelis in Toronto

CJN reporter Ben Rose takes an in-depth look at the growing Israeli community living in Toronto.

First of a two-part series.

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — It's as if someone had scripted the scene: Erika Ostrow, a former Israeli who has lived in Toronto for 32 years, was talking to Rachel, who arrived from Israel with her husband 11 months ago. It was in the cafeteria at the Jewish Community Centre and they had met only five minutes before.

Said Rachel: "Canadian Jews are cold fish. My husband has lots of Canadian friends from previous business trips and they never invite us to their houses. I ask my husband, 'What happens to your friends on the weekend, do they disappear?' You can't call a Canadian after 10 p.m. at night. In Israel that's when we start to live."

Ostrow, on the other hand, said Toronto Jews are not "cold fish," though she did not deny that Israelis have a tough time when they first arrive.

For instance, her son Moishe came home crying from King Edward Public School on Bathurst Street in the 1960s, saying he had been beaten up because he was a Jew and could not speak English. Ruffians blocked both exits from the school so he could not escape.

"I got on my bicycle and went from store to store asking people if they had a boy my son could play with because he was so unhappy."

Ostrow and her family survived (one of her daughters lives in Israel) and she has thrown herself wholeheartedly into life in the Jewish community. At the end of a Yiddish or Israeli concert, it will often be her leading the audience in a hora or other Israeli dances.

But Rachel, a translator who has a good command of English, had other complaints: "My husband's friends did not even warn us we would need snow boots for our children or where we could buy them and we had to rush around after

we arrived to buy some. In Israel the government looks after the needs of immigrants, not like here. We don't want help from your agencies for things the government would provide in Israel."

Both Ostrow and Rachel agreed there is a difference between Israeli and Toronto versions of hospitality. As Ostrow put it: "When Israelis come to Toronto, they stay at a hotel even though their Canadian friends have a four-bedroom house. When Canadians go to Israel, their Israeli friends, who have a one-bedroom apartment, put up three couples in it."

This cafeteria scene is a mini-version of the disparate adjustments Israelis have made to life in Toronto. For some this is a city of two solitudes, so little do they have to do with local Jews. Others have Canadian friends but still spend most of their time with other Israelis.

But *The CJN* found many Israelis who are enjoying life in Toronto, even though they have faults to find with some of the attitudes of Canadian Jews.

One thing that puzzles Varda and Barry Fainer, a successful Israeli business couple who have been in Toronto for 17 years, is that some Canadian Jews they know go to summer cottages in Muskoka and winter in Florida, but never go to Israel.

The Fainers are ardent supporters of Israel Bonds (they will be on a Bonds trip to Poland and Israel leaving July 12) and also contribute to the Weizmann Institute of Science and Beit Halochem, which serves disabled Israeli war veterans.

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"The quality of life in Toronto is very good, especially for children," said Fainer, who is in the construction business (Geranium Homes) and whose wife has well-known shoe stores bearing her name.

The couple keeps in such close touch with their relatives in Israel that Fainer says "I'm thinking of taking out shares in Bell Canada."

Josef Ijaki is a world renowned artist. Twenty-five of his paintings were the only ones shown in the Israeli pavilion at Expo '67 in Montreal. His works hang in galleries and in private collections in many countries. Now the 69-year-old painter works quietly at his studio at 80 Erskine Ave., in the Yonge-Eglinton area, turning out landscapes and figuratives in oils and acrylics, some on Canadian themes.

"Here it doesn't matter whether you are an Israeli; if you are good your work is accepted. But the official Canadian art world is a closed concern."

Avi Rivah, owner of the Hava Nagila restaurant and night club, says his club is one of the few places in town where Israelis and Canadian Jews get together socially on Saturday nights.

Sharon Bar David, a sabra, who was a lawyer in Israel and has her own employment counselling agency here, and who works part time at the Jewish Family & Child Service, is a choir member of the First Narayever Shul on Brunswick Avenue. What she misses most in Toronto is Israeli music, and the chance to sing with other Israelis.

"We had wonderful sing-alongs with 100 people for five years, led by Dr. Gideon Koren, another Israeli, but he got too busy at the Hospital for Sick Children, and they are over. It isn't the same to go to a concert and hear a few Israeli songs as part of the program. At an Israeli concert there is a whole different feeling, the music becomes your life. If you're not Israeli, you don't understand it. It goes right to the heart."

"In Israel on Yom Hazikaron [Memorial Day] in honor of Israeli soldiers, everyone is tuned to the radio all day long to hear the songs that came out of the wars. There is nothing like that here."

Nava Wainer, a sabra whose husband is a Canadian, said her husband's Canadian friends are eager to come to Israeli affairs and many of them can speak Hebrew because they attended day schools.

"I think the day I arrived in Toronto I fell in love with the city," said Tal Vilenski, a student at York University. "But as much as I love this place, Israel and my home town are the place I long for." Vilenski said he misses the friendliness and eye contact of people on the buses in Israel, compared to the stony straight-ahead stares on the subways and buses here.

For Shmuel Fish, getting together with other Israelis so he could speak Hebrew was a matter of survival in Toronto. He is now president of Etrog, a Hebrew-speaking club of Israeli seniors with 150 members at North York's Bernard Betel Centre. "We had nowhere to go and no one to speak to," he said. Most of the Etrog mem-

bers are retired and have come to Toronto to be with their children and none are in business, he said.

Yossi Ommessi was an accountant in Israel, but in Toronto, to which he came five years ago, he has been able to fulfil a dream — to own his own restaurant, Mezzetta, on St. Clair Avenue, which serves "eggplant and jazz," part of a Mediterranean style cuisine.

"It's been hard work for me and my wife, Naomi, 16 to 18 hours day, but it's been worth it." They have two children, Ori, a son, 5, and a daughter, Amali, one.

Though it's mostly Israelis and neighborhood residents who patronize Mezzetta, a lot of Toronto Jews attend the weekly jazz sessions on Wednesday nights.

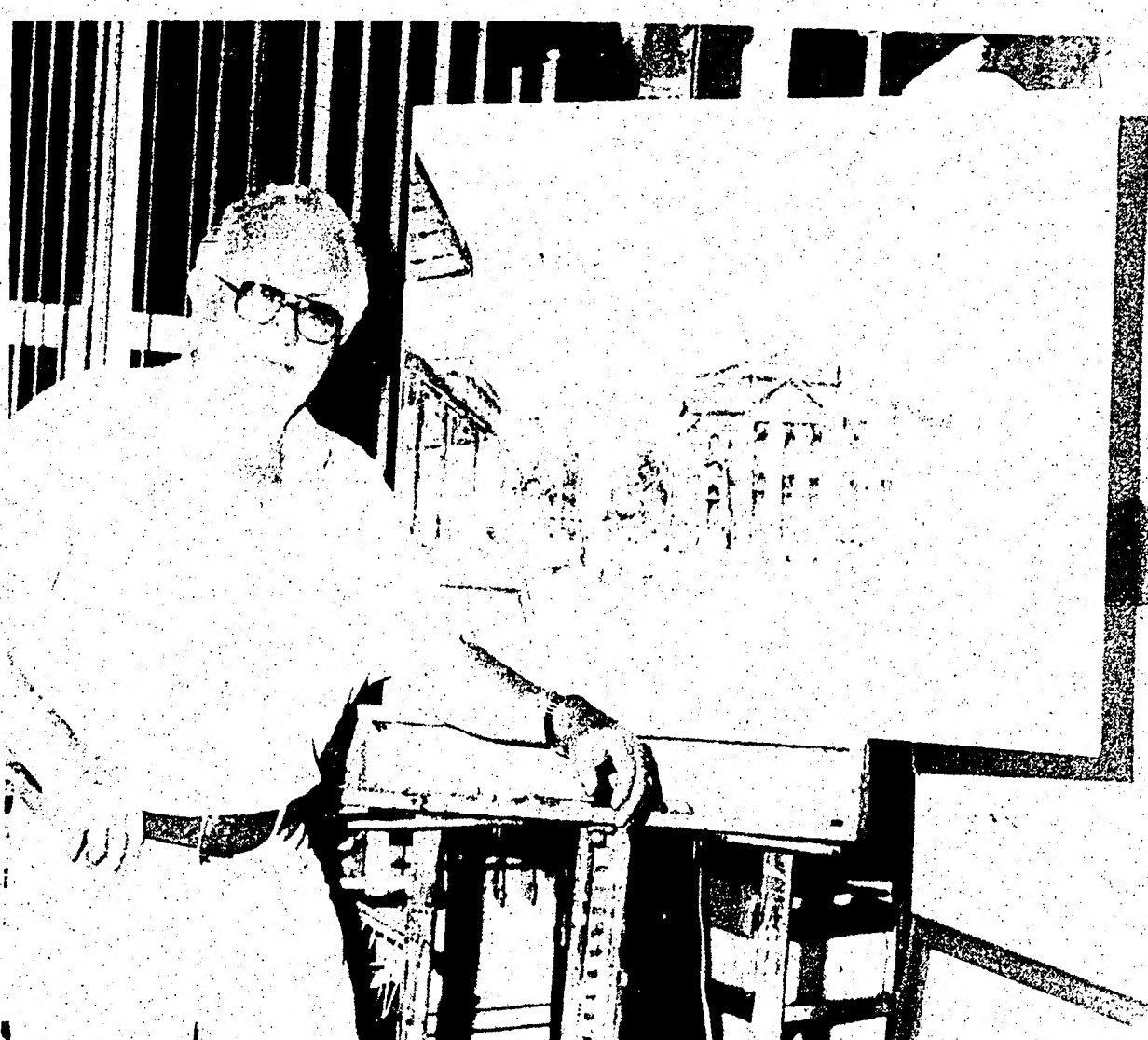
Though Israelis are partial to name stars from Israel, they are increasingly attending concerts and plays with Yiddish content, according to Chaim Avron, artistic director of the Toronto Jewish Theatre, who promotes Israeli and Yiddish concerts here. "They are becoming intrigued with the musicality of the Yiddish language," he said.

One of the groups which helps Israeli children to maintain their ties with Israel is Hashomer Hat-zair, which sponsors a group of 75 children ranging in age from nine to 16. Though it no longer considers itself a recruiting agent for Youth Aliyah, shaliach Shuli Dichter said their program is designed to give a Jewish education to students who attend public schools. "They never give up the idea of going back to Israel," he said.

One point of useful contact between Israelis and local Jews is PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis), to which Israelis with children still in Israel are invited, according to Professor Libby Garshowitz, president of the Toronto branch. The two groups have much in common and receive emotional support from PNAI, she said.



Yoni Stanleigh



Josef Ijaki, an Israeli artist, now resident in Toronto, with his painting of the Bank of Montreal Building at Yonge and Front Streets, new site of the Hockey Hall of Fame. [Alron photo]



Yossi Ommessi (left), was an accountant in Israel. Five years ago he came to Toronto and now owns his own restaurant, Mezzetta, where his friend, Brian Katz (right) is one of the Wednesday night jazz musicians. [Paul Lungen photo]

Ties to Israel remain paramount for children of Israeli family

TORONTO — Some Israelis in Canada are bound to Israel by ties as close as those that bind parent to child. They are those whose children have returned to Israel to make their lives there.

Ilana Stanleigh grew up on Kibbutz Matzuva in western Galilee. She came to Toronto in 1986 with her Canadian-born husband, Jerry, a lawyer, their two sons, Yoni and Audy, and daughters Dikla and Shira. The family had previously lived in both Canada and Israel.

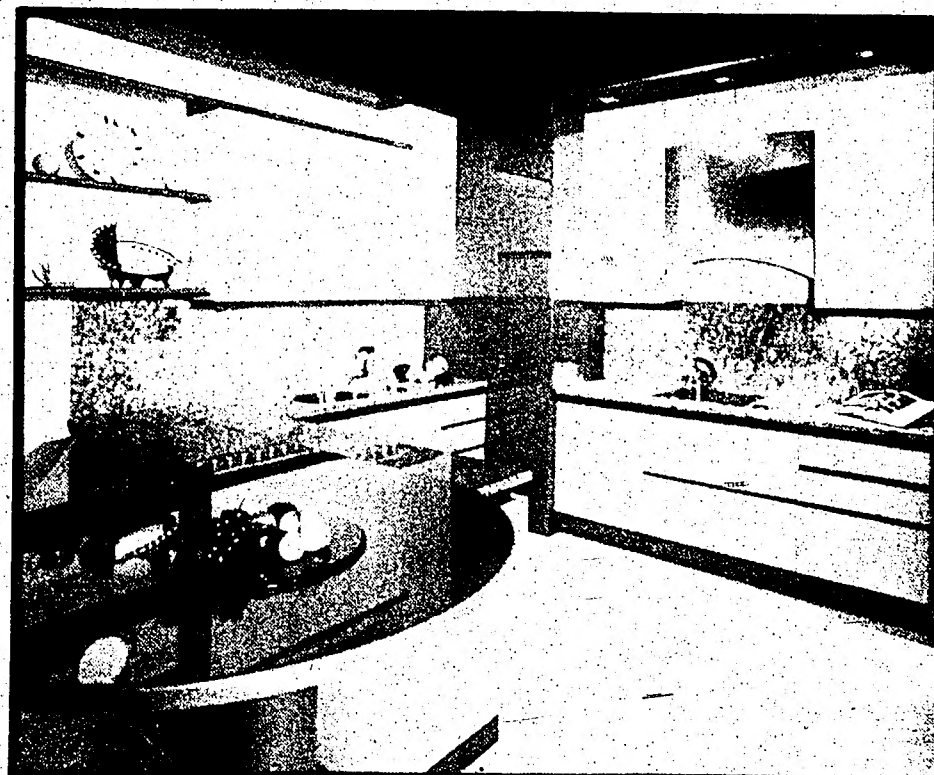
Nineteen-year old Yoni is now back in Israel. After studying at Yeshivat Har Etzion in Gush Etzion last year, he decided to stay. When his family visited him at Passover, he asked his parents to give their signed permission for him to enter an Israel Defence Force hesder unit.

(Hesder combines regular army service in a combat unit with yeshiva studies, extending the enlistment period from three to five years.)

"I'm proud of him; I expected it of him, but it's very difficult," Ilana Stanleigh said. "It's so far away — it's hard to think that he'll have to go to friends for Shabbat."

"My heart is there," His brother Audy, 18, intends to follow in his footsteps. Jerry Stanleigh is not surprised. "It's a reflection of how they and their sisters have been brought up."

He paused. "We have the same fear that every parent has who sends a son to the army. But you have to pray that Hashem takes care of him."



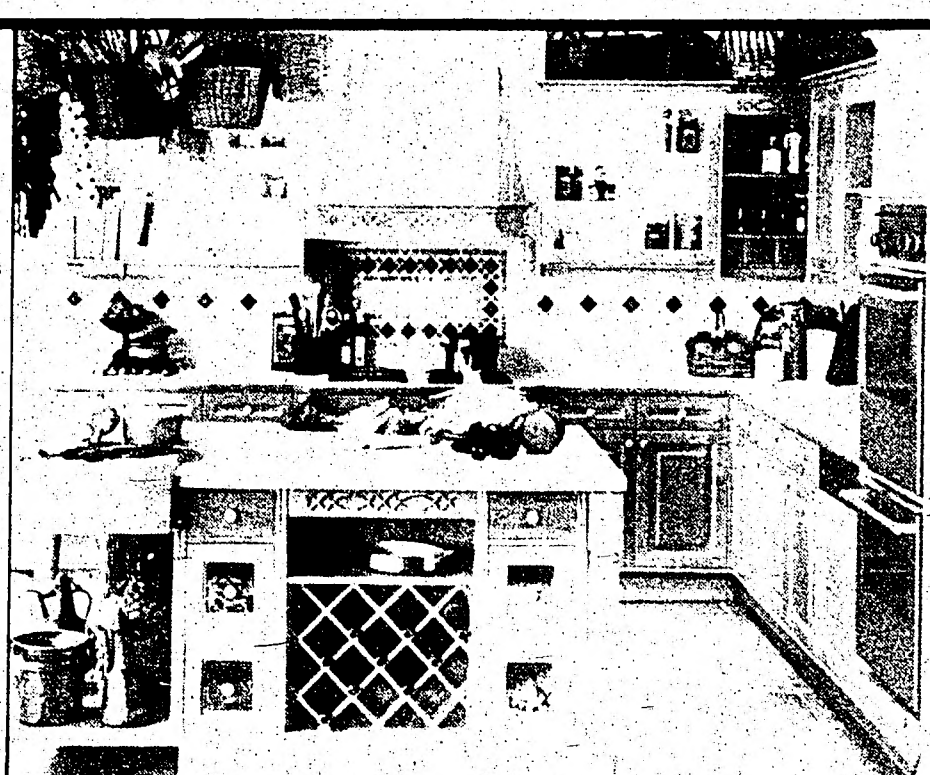
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Montreal Lubavitch leader rejects idea of 'power struggle'

MONTREAL — Rabbi Itzhak Hendel, elder statesman of the Lubavitch movement in Montreal, has joined with fellow Lubavitch leaders in the United States, Israel, Morocco, France and Brazil in denouncing a report by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency about a "power struggle" taking place among close aides of the ailing Rebbe Menachem Schneerson.

The article appeared in *The Canadian Jewish News* May 28.

Rabbi Hendel is one of eight signatories to a "statement of clarification" on the issue.

The rabbis call the report "speculative" and deny any restructuring of the movement is taking place. "Any speculation to the contrary is simple fabrication."

The rabbis insist Rebbe Schneerson is still in charge. "From the inception of the Chabad-Lubavitch movement, and through its seven generations, policy and directives have stemmed from one single source — the Rebbe."

"Rebbe Schneerson continues, despite the combined effects of a stroke and advanced age, to direct all Chabad-Lubavitch activities and organizations, and maintains contact with his emissaries and followers around the world. He will, G-d willing, continue to do so until he leads us all into the final Messianic redemption."

The death in April of Rabbi Chaim Mordechai Isaac Hodakov, who "led every major Lubavitch organization" for 40 years, a struggle among Rebbe Schneerson's secretariat has exacerbated.

The story pits Rabbi Yehuda Krinsky against "the troika" of rabbis Sholom Menachem Mendel Simpson, Yehuda Leib Groner and Binyomin Klein.

The rabbis issuing the statement indicate there can be no struggle because it is the rebbe who makes the decisions. "The function of the administrative structure within the Chabad-Lubavitch movement is to carry out and implement the Rebbe's directives."

"Rabbi Hodakov (of blessed memory), who occupied the key administrative position for many decades until his tragic passing recently, was renowned for his faithful, unswerving devotion in carrying out the Rebbe's wishes."

"With his passing, the Rebbe has directed his secretariat as to how Rabbi Hodakov's position should be filled."

Rabbi Zushe Silberstein, a spokesman for Lubavitch in Montreal, also expressed dismay about the article. "There is no leadership void. The Rebbe is running the organization as he always did. Rabbi Hodakov was an administrator, he carried out the Rebbe's wishes devotedly, but he was not a leader. The buck stops and starts

with the Rebbe."

He acknowledged there had been "a discussion" on the administration of the organization after Rabbi Hodakov's death. "The Rebbe decided the secretariat would work as a committee of four, with decision made by consensus."

Rebbe Schneerson suffers from partial paralysis and a speech impediment since a stroke last year, said Rabbi Silberstein, but nevertheless continues to answer hundreds of letters a day, giving directions and advice to Lubavitch workers and believers around the world.

This is made possible by the four members of the secretariat reading the Rebbe his correspondence, and waiting for him to respond by "a nod of the head, yes or no."

Rabbi Silberstein said that only the day before he had faxed a query to the Rebbe on behalf of a businessman, who wanted his advice on an investment decision. Five options were listed, and the Rebbe's response was to clearly choose one of them, Rabbi Silberstein said.

Rabbi Silberstein is convinced the Rebbe's current infirmity is but a necessary stage before the messianic age, which Lubavitchers believe is at hand. "Isaiah 53 clearly describes that the individual who will be messiah will suffer. The Rebbe's illness only strengthens our conviction that we are in the final moments before a wonderful bliss."

Jerusalem question on hold to maintain talks, says Shelef

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Any discussion on the future of East Jerusalem has been postponed in order to prevent a premature end to the Middle East peace negotiations, said Israel's ambassador to Canada.

"Israel proposed to leave the Jerusalem question until the end of the peace process because we know how loaded the issue is," said Ambassador Itzhak Shelef.

"If we start talking about it now, the whole process will go down the drain. Let us solve all the other problems and let's leave the most complicated one until the end."

Shelef was the guest speaker at the annual Imre Rosenberg Memorial Lecture at Temple Israel in Ottawa. He talked about the history and progress of the Middle East peace talks, now heading into their 10th round.

There has been progress, according to Shelef. Jordan is ready to negotiate an agreement, but is reluctant to be the first Arab nation to sign a treaty.

However, Syria wants to negotiate a return of the Golan Heights before it will discuss a peace agreement. Saudi Arabia, Iran and certain Islamic fundamentalists are opposed to the negotiations, as are Israelis who believe the state should keep the territories and the Golan Heights.

In principal, Shelef said, the Palestinians want a separate state as well as the right of return for Palestinians living in the diaspora. Israel opposes both, saying the Palestinians have 21 Arab countries to which they can return.

Israel is willing to grant the Palestinians autonomy, but there are conflicts about the scope of Palestinian power.

"The Palestinians want to make basic legislation about everything. We want them only to deal with local legislation and local laws. When it is legislation that has to do with Israel, we have to be involved," Shelef said.

He said the autonomy plan is only an interim solution. After it has been in place for three years, the two sides would begin to negotiate a permanent autonomy agreement.

Shelef said he was confident that peace in the region would bring economic investment from Europe, Asia and North America, helping to eradicate the poverty in part responsible for the rise of fundamentalism.

The treaty between Israel and Egypt shows that peace with Arab countries is possible, said Shelef.

"We must believe there will be a road to peace. The road is long, the road is bumpy. There might be setbacks. But once we start the political process, it will be impossible to stop."

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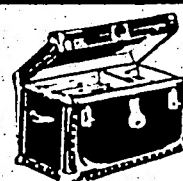


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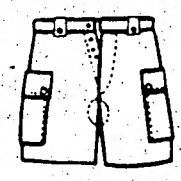
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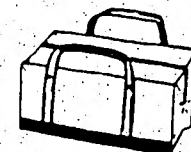
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Survivor joins students in Poland

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — Even though Anna Heilman lost her parents and her older sister in concentration camps, going back to Poland for the first time in 50 years was for her, going home.

"I saw my school, not my house because it had been destroyed, but where I used to play, and the chestnut trees which are part of every Polish childhood. When I saw the chestnut trees I started to cry." Polish children use chestnuts to play marbles and make toys.

Heilman was invited to accompany 40 university students on the Anguish to Hope mission last month, sponsored by the Canadian Jewish Congress, United Israel Appeal of Canada, Canadian Jewish Federations, and the Jewish Students Network. The tour began in Poland with visits to concentration camps, and ended in Israel where the students could see the hope Israel has brought to world Jewry.

The students had asked that a survivor come on the first leg of the trip to give them a personal perspective on the Holocaust.

Heilman had lived in the Warsaw Ghetto until she was deported at age 15. She survived two concentration camps. Deciding to take a trip

back was hard.

She was afraid to see Majdanek, where her parents were killed in 1943. She didn't know how she would face Auschwitz where she almost went mad with grief after the Nazis publicly hanged her sister, Esther, for smuggling gunpowder from the munitions factory to a group of camp resistance fighters.

Surprisingly, she said, the trip was in many ways a relief.

One of the first stops was Majdanek. Polish authorities have gathered up the ash remains of camp victims and covered them with a rock dome several metres across. It looked comfortably like a giant kippa on the head of a grey haired grandfather, Heilman later wrote in a makeshift journal. She felt she had finally found her parents' resting place.

"This visit for me was therapeutic, was very sad, was very difficult, but brought many things together that were not resolved."

The most potent reminders of what the Holocaust did to European Jewry, the students told Heilman, were not in the camps, but on city streets.

They saw for instance, two black, wrought iron fences in the Jewish quarter of Krakow.

One was designed as a chain of menorahs, the other was decorated with Stars of David. And there were synagogues converted to museums, Jewish schools now used as university buildings.

Like most towns where there are houses but no people, the Jewish landmarks were signs of Judaism where today there are hardly any Jews.

Heilman said Poland's beauty came as a surprise to the students.

"Because the pictures of their grandparents are sepia and black and white, and the stories they hear are black, they were surprised to see Poland in bloom," she said.

Wherever they went they saw trees and farmland, and quiet country roads where farmers travelled by horse and cart.

One of the highlights of the trip for Heilman was a havdalah service the students shared with non-Jewish Polish university students.

It followed a discussion between the two groups of students about the Holocaust and anti-Semitism.

Heilman said the Polish students were polite but restrained in their answers to questions from the Jewish group.

Like many Poles, she said, she believes they were unwilling to admit the role their people played in the Holocaust by co-operating with the Nazis.

Still she said, she supports the Polish government's attempts to confront the Holocaust and build links between Poles and Jews.

"There is a great deal of anger about the thing that happened to us, but we have to start talking about our anger," she said. "The time has come to start the healing and I'm all for it."

Heilman was impressed with the dedication and sincerity of the staff at Auschwitz. They are planning an exhibit to open Sept. 1 to honor the four girls, Heilman's sister among them, who were hanged for smuggling gunpowder. A plaque at the camp names one of them, but pressed by an international Auschwitz committee, they are making a new plaque that commemorates all four: Heilman's sister Esther Wajcblum, and Alla Gartner, Rosa Robota and Regina Sapirstein.

Canada to help end sea conflicts

OTTAWA — Canada has agreed to lend her expertise to Israel and Arab states in the areas of maritime search and rescue and heading off potential conflicts at sea.

At the most recent round of the multilateral peace talks on arms control, held in Washington, Canada was asked to act as facilitator in coordinating a workshop on maritime search and rescue and how to avoid so-called incidents at sea.

Canada will organize and offer a location for the workshop, scheduled before the multilateral round on arms control resumes this October. Israel, Arab states and all participants in the round on arms control will be invited.

According to Don Sinclair of the Department

of External Affairs, Canada's experts will come from the Department of National Defense and the Coast Guard.

The workshop will focus on "maritime confidence issues," Sinclair said.

Those include the coordination of joint search and rescue parties and enacting formal rules for conduct of sea-faring vessels, he explained.

Canada will help Israeli and Arab nations set up formal guidelines for how enemy ships which come into close proximity on the high seas should conduct themselves.

The rules will be modeled on those the United States had with the Soviet Union during the cold war and will be meant to ease tensions in Mideast waters, he added.

NAME GAME

There is a story in almost every Jewish surname and Toronto lawyer FRED M. CATZMAN has been researching their origins over the past few years. Mr Catzman reports on his research in *The CJN*.

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PILTZOVIICH — GNISBACH

Jerrold Landau, of Downsview, Ontario, has traced the names of all eight of his grandparents and seeks help in researching the meaning of the maiden names of two of his great grandmothers.

He surmises that Piltovitch emanated from Peltz — a fur or pelt. Unless it was misspelled, Piltz (mushroom in Polish) probably denotes a mushroom grower.

Gnisbach may be an emasculation of Gniezno, a shtetl near Posnan (Posen) in Poland.

He also enquires about Rosenvortzel, which is a euphonous name meaning "rose root" and Schnitz, which is probably an abbreviation of Schnitzer — Yiddish for carver.

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TORONTO — Apart from installing Helen Marr of Toronto for another three-year term as president, the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW), in its recent triennial convention in Johannesburg, South Africa, passed a number of resolutions on anti-Semitism, human rights, the environment and women in Judaism.

The convention, held in South Africa for the first time, brought together 250 delegates from 24 countries for four days of workshops and speakers.

Delegates heard addresses from Justice Richard Goldstone, chair of South Africa's Commission on Public Violence and Intimidation; Helen Suzman, a Jewish opponent of apartheid; and from the country's chief rabbi, Cyril Harris.

Bunny Gurvey of Winnipeg was re-installed as one of 12 vice-presidents.

Six more nations were welcomed into the ICJW family: Russia, Georgia, Latvia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic and Croatia.

In all, the council represents 1.5 million Jewish women in 40 countries.

The ICJW "looks with horror" at the events in the former Yugoslavia, said one statement. The group urged its affiliates to bring crimes in Bosnia to their governments' attention and to establish a tribunal to judge and punish those violating international law.

The council passed a resolution calling on affiliates to support UNICEF and programs for universal child immunization.

The ICJW "notes with satisfaction" that 1993-94 has been proposed as the International Year of the Agunah "and expresses its support for the International Coalition for Agunah Rights and its wish to participate, if possible."

(An agunah is a Jewish woman who has been refused a religious divorce, or *get*, from her husband, preventing her from re-marrying religiously.)

The council urged its affiliates to encourage more women to become knowledgeable in halachic matters to make it possible for women to take part in rabbinical court procedures.

Statements on the right to a life-sustaining environment were also issued.

Noting it is "deeply concerned" over increasing anti-Semitic incidents worldwide, the council called on affiliates to join local, national and non-Jewish organizations to maintain vigilance against anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism or any infringement of human rights; to promote and support education of Jewish youth so they can combat anti-Semitism; to monitor media and to call on governments to use legal means against terrorism and vandalism.



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פון נח וויטמאן (וויניפעג)

מיט עטלעכע חדשים צוריק איז אין ישראל געשטארבן דער עלטסטער יידישער דיכטער, דער 95-יאריקער יוסף פאפיערניקאוו ע"ה. א גרויסער עולם פון שרייבערס, קינסטלערס און פארערער פונעם דיכטער האבן אים באגלייט צו זיין אייביקער רו.

יוסף פאפיערניקאוו איז געבוירן געווארן אין ווארשע אין יאר 1898, ביי גאר ארעמע עלטערן. צו 14 אדער 15 יאר האט ער שוין געמוזט גיין ארבעטן. אין זיין גאנצן פריער ווגנט האט זיך אין אים דערוועקט א חוש פאר שרייבן און א שטארקע ליבע צו ארץ ישראל. דאס האט אים אריינגעצויגן אין די רייען פון די לינקע פועלי ציון. אין 1924 איז ער געקומען קיין ארץ ישראל. אין ארץ ישראל האט ער — פונקט ווי אלע חלוצים — זיך באגעגנט מיט א סך שוועריקייטן. אבער זיין ליבע צו ישראל האט אים געהאלפן זיך בייקומען, ער איז פארבליבן אין לאנד, דערלעבט צו זען די אנטשטיאונג פון דער מדינה, און דא געשאפן זיין גאנצן לעבן.

יוסף פאפיערניקאוו איז געווען איינער פון די אנטשלאסנסטע קעמפער פאר יידיש ווען די לינקע פועלי-ציון האבן זיך פאראייניקט מיט מפ"ם (מפ"ם), אמאליקער השומר הצעיר האט נישט געהאט קיין באזונדערע ליבע צו יידיש, האבן זיי אנגעהויבן ארויסגעבן א צייטונג אין יידיש („ישראל שטימע"), פריער א צוויי-וואכנדיקע און איצט א חודשלעכע אויסגאבע. פאפיערניקאוו האט זיך באטייליקט אין דער צייטונג מיט זיינע לידער, פאעמעס און ארטיקלען, וואס האבן ארויסגערופן א סך לויב ביי די ליינערס.

דער באקאנטער יידישער שרייבער אין ישראל, יעקב צבי שארגעל, האט אין הספר ביי דער לווייה געזאגט צווישן אנדערע:

„אונזער גרויסער, די לייוויק האט אין זיינס א ליד געשריבן, אז „דער דופק וואכט אויף אין דעם ארון", קען דאך זיין, אז די הערסט איצט, וואס מיר זאגן, וויל איך דא אויסשרייען, אז נישט געזעגענען זיך מיט דיר בין איך אויסן. ניין און טויזנט מאל ניין! ווייל געזעגענען זיך מיט דיר הייסט געזעגענען זיך מיט א חקופה, אן עפאכע, וואס דו ביסט געווען די עמברא, ווען די היסטאריקערס און שפראכן פארשערס, וואס וועלן אויף דעם צייט-אפשטיט זיך אפשטעלן — 70 יאר — וועלן זיי דארפן וויסן און געדענקען, אז דאס ביסטו דער, וואס איז געקומען קיין פאלעסטינע און געלייגט דעם פונדאמענט פאר דער אפאגנ גרופע, פאר דעם יידישן ליטערארישן און זשורנאליסטן קלוב אין ארץ ישראל, פאר הויבן דעם כבוד פון לשון פון אשכנזישן יידישטם."

יוסף פאפיערניקאוו האט שטארק ליב געהאט ישראל. ער פלעגט חמיד כאטאנען, אז עס איז פאר אים נישט דא קיין אנדער לאנד ווי ישראל. ער האט דאס טאקע באזינגען אין זיינע ווערק: „אין ווינקל לאנד", „די גאלדענע זאמער", „מיט לענדער גלייך", „אין ווייטן עלטער" און אין נאך א צאל ביכער.

מיר דערמאנען אלעמאל פאפיערניקאוו מיט ליכשאפט, באזונדערס ווען מיר זינגען זיין בא-רימט ליד „וואל זיין". ביי אונז אין וויניפעג הערן מיר דאס ליד זייער אפט אויף די יידישע ראדיא און טעלעוויזיע פראגראמען.

נאכן חורבן, ווען א טייל ישראל שרייבער האבן אנגעהויבן זאגן „קדיש" נאך יידיש, האט פאפיערניקאוו געשריבן אין זיין ליד: „נישט געשטארבן איז די מאמע יידיש, די מאמע-לשון יידיש האט מען אומגעבראכט און זי שטייט צוריק אויף תחית המתים".

חבל, חבל — אדוועק א ייד, וואס האט אנגע-הויבן גייסטיק לעבן, מיטן צוריק אויפבלי פון יידיש אין מדינת ישראל.

חבל על דאבדון — ערע, כבוד זיין שיינעם נאמען.

JNF helps reclaim desert

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

OFAKIM — A few short years ago, rolling sand dunes stretched as far as the eye could see just outside this development town in the northern Negev.

Today, thanks to the Jewish National Fund, much of this wasteland has been conquered, reclaimed and replaced with the Eshkol National Park.

Built around the Ein Habsor natural spring, it is named after the late Israeli premier, Levi Eshkol. A badly-needed recreational area for the inhabitants of this isolated region, the park has enviable facilities — the largest swimming pool in Israel, footpaths, picnic tables, barbecues, water fountains and playing fields.

It is one of numerous reclamation projects in which the Jewish National Fund (JNF) has played an integral role.

Contrary to popular belief, the JNF is not exclusively involved in afforestation. A vital force in the formation of Israeli society, the JNF prepares sites for industry and housing and builds roads, reservoirs and drainage systems.

While some of its work may be unglamorous, it is nevertheless essential to Israel's wellbeing.

Take its ongoing project on Ashdod's Lachish River, for example.

During summer months, the Lachish dries up and becomes a typical Middle Eastern wadi. But when winter rains are fierce, the Lachish overflows its banks, wreaks havoc on adjacent orange orchards and causes flooding in the city of Ashdod.

When this happens, crops are damaged and residents have to be evacuated from their homes.

In an effort to cope with such natural disasters, the JNF has begun to widen, clean and shore up the Lachish, which flows from Hebron into the Mediterranean Sea.

The JNF has already invested one million shekels in the project, and an additional million will be required to complete it.

Building park

As well, the JNF is bearing the cost of building a park along the final seven kilometres of the Lachish, which marks the furthest advance of the Egyptian army during the War of Independence.

Further south, near Ofakim, the JNF is building a series of reservoirs along the Besor River.

Once these reservoirs are finished, water will be cheaper and farmers will be able to pass on the savings to consumers.

This is a parched area of Israel, but agriculture flourishes. The main crops are wheat, sunflowers, corn and potatoes.

The JNF is also deepening the Besor's river bed to deal with the endemic problem of erosion. And it is building catchment basins to conserve winter rains.

In the Jordan Valley, near the town of Bet She'an, JNF Canada raised funds for the construction of the Shif'a reservoir.

Dedicated to the late Christopher Katriel Sharp of Toronto, the reservoir is used by local kibbutzim as both a source of water and a commercial fish pond.

In Bet She'an, JNF tractors helped excavate one of the most important archeological sites in the Middle East — an ancient Roman town which has given Bet She'an's ailing economy and low self-esteem a shot in the arm.

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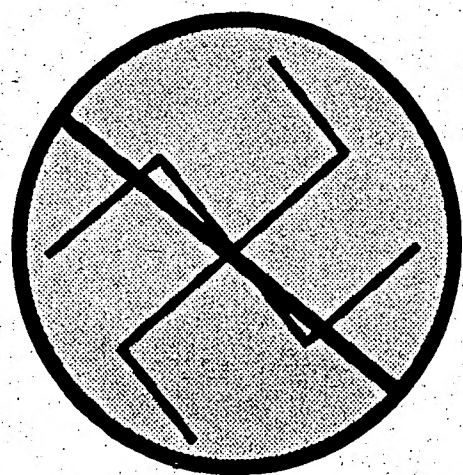


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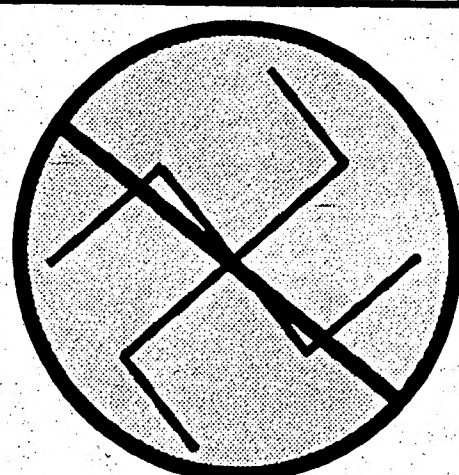
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Confronting Racism



Neo-Nazis arrested in Ottawa following clash with protesters

By RON CSILLAG

OTTAWA — Police here have made four arrests in connection with a May 29 melee between neo-Nazis and anti-racism protesters.

Daniel Roussel, 24, and Geoffrey Sandes, 18, both of Ottawa, are each charged with one count of assault causing bodily harm. Roussel faces an additional charge of possession of a dangerous weapon.

They are scheduled to appear in court June 18 for a bail hearing.

According to Const. Gerry Doucette of the Ottawa-Carleton Police Force, both men were on the white supremacist side of a riot with about 50 anti-racism protesters.

Also arrested among the rightists was Hughes Racine, who faces an assault causing bodily harm charge, and from among the anti-racism demonstrators, Mohammed Khreis, charged with possession of a dangerous weapon.

Doucette said one other investigation into a possible assault charge is continuing.

Roughly 40 neo-Nazis, many from the Ottawa area but some belonging to the Toronto-based Heritage Front, were in Ottawa the weekend of the 29th for a recruitment drive and concert.

According to police accounts, the Heritage Front rented space in the Centretown Boys and Girls Club, a

United Way agency for disadvantaged children, for a recruitment drive on the weekend of the 28th.

When word got out that the rightists were in town, some 600 anti-racism protesters gathered in a downtown Ottawa park near the club on the evening of the 29th. They included members of the Toronto-based Anti-Racist Action (ARA). Jewish communal groups did not take part.

Some demonstrators pushed through police barricades that were set up around the club. Jostling with police ensued, followed by egg and rock-throwing, reports *The C/N's* Miriam Sobel.

After a tense two hours, most of the demonstrators dispersed, leaving about 50 behind to follow the neo-Nazis, who marched to Parliament Hill after leaving the club under police escort.

On Parliament Hill, front leader Wolfgang Droege delivered a speech and supporters shouted Nazi slogans such as "siege heil" and "white power," while the protesters shouted their own epithets nearby.

The violence began when Front members exchanged missiles with the protesters over the traffic on Wellington Avenue.

Members of the two groups then clashed and fights broke out on Wellington and Elgin Street. ARA member Alicia Reckzin sustained a broken nose.

Ian Kagedan of B'nai Brith Canada said Front members provoked the violence.

"When they left [the club] and marched down the street doing Nazi salutes and shouting siege heil, that's a provocation."

"We have been concerned for quite a while that the violence would escalate," said Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress. "We called on the police to react strongly and we commend them for having done so."

Droege came to Ottawa last month and announced he was setting up a local chapter. Not long after, he set up a telephone hot line.

Tim Simboli, director of programs for the United Way, said he rented the space in the club to a woman asking for a room for a private party. He would not have rented the space had he known it was for the Heritage Front, he added.

Three members of Parliament raised the incident in the House of Commons a few days later.

MPs Sheila Finestone, Mac Harb and Shirley Maheu all condemned the neo-Nazis and called on the government to implement tougher anti-hate laws.

Minister of Multiculturalism Gerry Weiner said the government established a program some five years ago making racism "one of our most important priorities."

Ottawa Jews take part in anti-racism rally

By MIRIAM SOBEL

OTTAWA — About 200 people gathered for a peaceful anti-racism rally in Ottawa last week. It followed a demonstration 10 days earlier that turned violent when a crowd of 600 marched to a downtown recreation centre where the white supremacist group, the Heritage Front, was holding a recruitment concert.

Several young members of the crowd got into street fights with Front members after they were led out of the Centretown Boys and Girls Club by police.

Calling themselves the Coalition for Racial Harmony, more than 25 organizations, including the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa organized a second rally. They wanted to show that fighting racism was a concern for ordinary people. It was held in the lobby of the regional government headquarters.

Led by Cantor Floralove Katz of Temple Israel, those at the rally sang songs for peace and joined hands in a human chain.

Several speakers spoke of the need to be vigilant about racism.

"I never thought I would ever have to speak about a Nazi revival," said Mendel Good, a survivor of Auschwitz.

He compared racism to a cancer that has to be caught at an early stage.

"Let's not be complacent. Let's not only talk. As of now let's make a resolution to do something about

it," he urged the crowd.

Ruth Kahane, director of public affairs for the Jewish Community Council of Ottawa, noted the demonstration was not a response to the Heritage Front which opened an Ottawa chapter and a hate phone line last month.

"We don't respond to them," she said.

It was organized to show support for the people who are hurt by racism, she added.

The coalition was organized several years ago to deal with a visit by British Holocaust denier David Irving. It had not been active until Ottawa city councillor Mark Maloney resurrected the coalition after the earlier rally turned violent. He said the demonstration left too many people with the impression that racism was an issue between anti-racist skinheads and Heritage Front members.

"That's not the mainstream of society. We wanted to show there's a wider cross section, a coalition of groups, that believe in harmony," Maloney noted.

Ian Kagedan, director of government relations for B'nai Brith, said another reason for the rally was to restore the good name of the Boys and Girls Club which had unknowingly rented space to the Heritage Front.

"We wanted to say that we recognize that you were a victim of this as much as others are," he concluded.

White supremacist incidents become more violent

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — A series of racially-motivated incidents in Southern Ontario, shows that white supremacists are becoming more aggressive and more violent, Jewish organizations asserted recently. Their boldness is due in large measure to the lack of countermeasures by law enforcement authorities and is leading to an escalation of violence among both racists and anti-racists, they said.

In the most recent incident last weekend, 200 members of Anti-Racist Action (ARA) pelted the home of Heritage Front member Gary Schipper with rocks and bottles, smashing a front window with a tricycle.

Hours later, members of the Heritage Front (HF) retaliated by starting a brawl with anti-racists in the College and Bathurst area in which both sides pummelled each other with baseball bats, rocks and pipes. HF leader Wolfgang Droege, 44, and three other white supremacists were arrested as well as one anti-racist protester. Droege was charged with possession of a dangerous weapon. All four were refused bail and spent last weekend in jail while the anti-racism protester was granted bail on Saturday.

Det. Cliff McConnell of 14 Division said police had asked for a detention order on Droege and the other HF members because "this is a continuing thing with this bunch." The order asks the court to apply restrictive conditions, should they be released. He did not indicate what they were.

Jewish organizations deplored the violence on both sides. But they said the lack of action by law enforcement authorities against racists played a part in the escalation of violence.

"White supremacists are certainly getting more bold," said Bernie Farber, director of community relations for Canadian Jewish Congress. "If police don't take action, they will push and push until someone pushes back. And the potential for violence will continue to grow."

Louis Lenkinski, chair of community relations for Congress, said "we call on the police and the attorney general, in light of the escalation of violence, to understand the need to apply Canada's

anti-hate laws to bring these neo-Nazi groups under control."

"While we understand the frustration felt by anti-racists in the light of daily racist incidents, we cannot condone the violent tactics used over the weekend," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith. "These arrests underscore the dangerous nature of hate groups such as the Heritage Front."

The College Street rampage was only the latest in a series of recent occurrences involving white supremacists.

In Toronto, a Tamil dishwasher was savagely beaten, allegedly by a skinhead. In Kitchener, Jewish store owners were pushed and spat upon by skinheads, and in Toronto, three members of the extremist Church of the Creator were arrested and charged with kidnapping and assaulting a member of the Heritage Front who they believed had taken secret computer files.

Assistant Crown Attorney Jennifer Lofft said police believe the attack on Sivarajah Vinasithamby, a dishwasher at the Tasty Restaurant on Bloor Street, was racially motivated. He was attacked late at night behind the restaurant, located near Bloor and Clinton, as he carried trash to a dumpster.

Vinasithamby, a father of three, was paralyzed on his left side after remaining unconscious for several days following the attack, which Lofft described as a "brutal, vicious and very severe beating."

Jason Robert Hoolans, 19, was charged with aggravated assault in connection with the incident. Hoolans, who Lofft described as a skinhead, was denied bail and could spend weeks or even months awaiting trial.

In Kitchener, Crown attorney David Russell told *The C/N* that it appears the proprietors of the Headin' West clothing store, Elliot Eisen, 50, and his son, Alan, 18, "misled" police about the sequence of events that occurred there recently and that part of the story given by skinhead Paul McGraw was confirmed by an employee in the store. McGraw has been charged with assault and uttering death threats. A youth has been charged with trespassing.

In a third incident, three members of the

Church of the Creator were charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault in connection with the abduction of another white supremacist.

The three were arrested by police in a raid on a Willowdale home they were renting. Police seized evidence as well as a shotgun, a .22 calibre pistol and a .45 calibre semi-automatic handgun.

The victim, a member of the Heritage Front, was abducted in the city's east end and taken on a three-hour car ride during which he was beaten, threatened with death and had a plastic bag placed over his head.

B.C. fights hate material

By MAURICE LUCOW

VICTORIA — An amendment to the British Columbia Human Rights Act designed to give the provincial government the clout to clamp down on hate literature has been introduced in the legislature by Multiculturalism Minister Anita Hagen.

Bill 33 prohibits publication or display of any statement of communication "that is likely to expose a person or group of persons to hatred or contempt."

Prohibited grounds of discrimination in the Act include race, color, ancestry, place of origin, religion, marital status, family status, physical or mental disability, gender, sexual orientation or age.

In introducing the amendment, Hagen said "up until now, there has been little the province could do legally to take action against hate literature or hate activities. This amendment fills that legislative gap."

"Through this bill we are sending a strong message to those who promote or advocate racism and acts of hatred. We are saying that those who promote hatred are not welcome here and that racism and racially motivated attacks will not be tolerated by the people and government of British Columbia."

He was later dropped off near St. Michael's Hospital and subsequently called police.

Charged with kidnapping, forcible confinement and assault causing bodily harm are Eric Fischer, 29, Elkar (Carl) Fischer, 22, and Drew Maynard, 21. Carl Fischer and Maynard are also charged with threatening death.

Eric Fischer is security chief of the Church of the Creator and a former member of the Canadian Forces Airborne Regiment.

In yet another incident, skinhead youth attended a concert at which bands performed songs whose lyrics are designed to promote hatred and should lead to criminal charges, Farber said.

She added that the legislation is one of many steps the government will take to combat racism. As education minister, Hagen will be bringing the anti-racism message to the province's schools.

"Our ministry will be enhancing the school curriculum to ensure that it contains effective, topical material on racism, and that students are given the opportunity to discuss racism and related issues."

Bill 33 states that "no person shall publish, issue or display or cause to be published, issued or displayed any statement, publication, notice, sign, symbol, emblem or other representation" of racial intolerance. The Human Rights Act does not apply to private communications.

Dr. Michael Elterman, a national vice-president of Canadian Jewish Congress and former chair of Congress' Pacific region, told *The C/N* that Congress welcomes Bill 33.

"While free speech is intrinsic in the Canadian constitution, this move by the government deals with the violation of free speech, and when enacted will provide a broader tool to deal with expression of race hatred," Elterman said.

Not everyone is enthusiastic about the proposed bill. Victoria lawyer Doug Christie, who represented Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra amongst others, condemned the amendment.

French Jews demonstrate after cemetery desecration

PARIS (JTA) — Yet another Jewish cemetery in France has been desecrated, in the worst incident of its kind in three years.

The latest incident, in which 94 of 120 Jewish graves were vandalized at a cemetery in the south-central town of Haut-Vernet, brought out some 300 people for a silent protest demonstration Sunday morning.

The desecration of the Jewish part of the cemetery, which is outside the city of Perpignan, in the Languedoc region, apparently took place on the night of June 10 and was discovered the next morning.

According to police investigators, several people armed with crowbars broke into the cemetery. The vandals overturned headstones, opened graves and smashed a Holocaust memorial to Jews deported from France.

No slogans or graffiti were found and no group claimed responsibility for this action. A police investigation has yet to identify the perpetrators.

The large scale and southern locale of the vandalism calls to mind the savage desecration three years ago of the Jewish cemetery in Carpentras, some 70 miles northeast of Haut-Vernet, for which no perpetrators have ever been found.

Since then, there have been a number of attacks on Jewish cemeteries, including two outside of Strasbourg last January, one in Lyon last September and another that month in the eastern town of Merlebach. But this latest desecration is the worst in France since the one in Carpentras, which triggered a massive protest marches and vigils.

Jean Kahn, head of CRIF, the umbrella body representing French Jewry, said the Jewish community was pained by this new desecration of a Jewish cemetery in France.

In this cemetery, Kahn recalled, were the bodies of Jews arrested and jailed by the Vichy police following the orders of French Nazi collaborator Rene Bousquet, who was shot to

death last week in Paris.

Speculating that the desecration might be linked to the murder, Kahn asked to meet with the French interior minister. In a message to Kahn, French President Francois Mitterrand expressed his "profound condemnation following this absurd and heinous act."

Likewise, the head of the Paris Mosque, Dalil Boubakeur, said he was "deeply shocked" by the desecration.

"I vigorously oppose these manifestations of racial hatred," Boubakeur said.

At Sunday's solemn demonstration at the cemetery, the rabbi of Perpignan, Herve Krief, said Kaddish.

Leaders of the Union of Jewish Students carried banners reading "We will not forget." The student leaders urged that the struggle against anti-Semitism be stepped up.

The regional representative of the government, Pierre Steinmetz, also attended the demonstration.

Touvier's whereabouts unknown

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — There is no evidence to suggest that French Nazi collaborator Paul Touvier is, or ever was, hiding in Quebec, federal officials say.

Last week, the Jerusalem office of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre said Touvier, the 78-year-old former head of the war-time Vichy regime's militia in Lyon, fled France and may have made his way to Quebec.

Touvier's whereabouts are of sudden interest because a French appeals court last week overturned an earlier decision and ruled Touvier must stand trial for ordering the 1944 execution of seven Jewish hostages as reprisal for the killing of a Vichy regime official.

But Touvier, who has admitted he selected Jews for death, is nowhere to be found.

Ottawa has no information to indicate Touvier entered Canada, Denis Tessier of the External Affairs Department told *The CJN*.

Tessier cited news sources quoting

Touvier's lawyers as saying their client has not left France.

There is "absolutely no evidence" to suggest Touvier entered Canada, Immigration spokesman Carolyn Hackland said.

"We have no information to confirm that he is here or ever was here," Hackland said.

She conceded however, that Touvier could have slipped into Canada because French citizens do not require visas to enter.

But as a convicted war criminal, Touvier is inadmissible to Canada and would be prosecuted if found here, Hackland pointed out.

Touvier was twice sentenced to death in absentia following World War II. He allegedly worked alongside Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie, the notorious Butcher of Lyon, who died in 1991 while serving a life sentence in Lyon.

Touvier was arrested in 1989 at a French monastery after spending 44 years in hiding, and was charged with crimes against humanity.

He was freed from jail last year. Shortly afterward, a Paris court dis-

missed the war crimes charges against him.

But when the higher court made its decision last week, it did not order Touvier's imprisonment.

Touvier's trial and his whereabouts have taken on added significance after another Frenchman accused of war crimes, Rene Bousquet, was shot dead by a deranged writer earlier this month.

But the question remains: Where is Touvier?

At least one report has it that Touvier, an expert on the many convents and abbeys of Europe, may have vanished into one of his favorite Catholic hideouts.

All the rumors have been denied by Touvier's lawyers, who insist their client has not left France since his release from jail.

According to Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld, Touvier's crimes pale in comparison to Bousquet's.

French police last week formally charged Bousquet's self-confessed killer, Christian Didier, 49, with murder.

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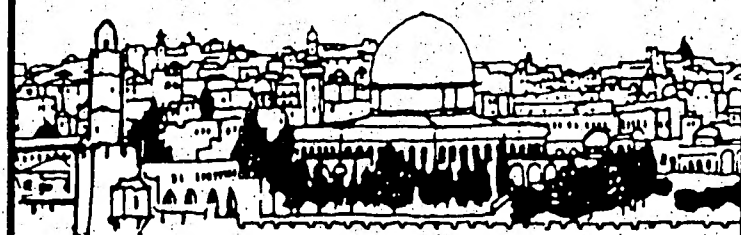
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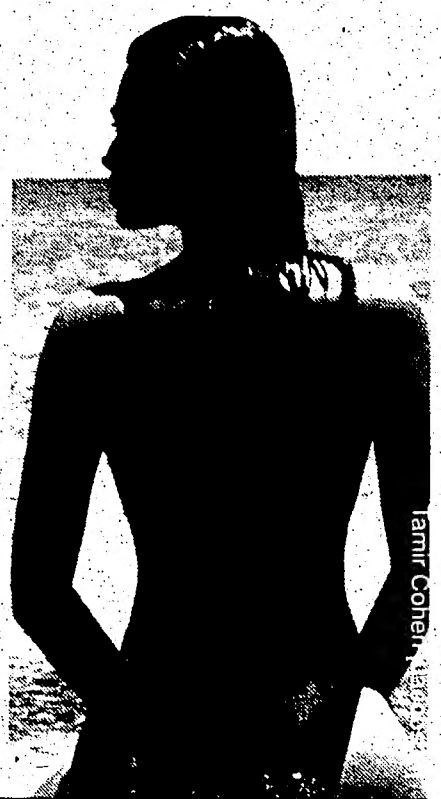
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Israeli journalist gets to roots of Germany's neo-Nazi network

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — When Israeli freelance journalist Yaron Svoray first travelled to Germany late last fall, infiltrating the country's neo-Nazi network was never his intention. But chance circumstances and the feeling that he had to do something about an incipient, sadistic far right movement changed his mind.

Svoray, 39, was investigating a story on hidden treasures when his research brought him into contact with a neo-Nazi in Langen. Under the guise of an Australian reporter with extremist sympathies, Svoray developed a friendship with the man. He in turn introduced Svoray to a group of well-heeled Germans, who, donning Nazi uniforms, watched a snuff movie in which five men raped and then actually murdered an 8-year-old girl. The film was introduced with images of Adolf Hitler.

The sight of the neo-Nazis cheering and applauding the film sickened Svoray and prompted him "to do something about it."

Travelling to the United States, he introduced himself to officials of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre (SWC), who backed his covert investigation by providing funds, the U.S. telephone number of a fictitious right-wing organization and other logistical and moral support.

Svoray, the son of Holocaust survivors, spent seven months befriend-ing a wide variety of racists — from respectable German professionals to skinhead lager louts to the movement's leadership. He described his experiences recently to 200 people attending a program sponsored by the SWC's new leadership group.

Skinheads who capture world headlines are merely "a bunch of hooligans" with nothing better to do than to get drunk and start fights, Svoray said. Their leadership, often young people from affluent, middle class backgrounds, are more sophisticated.

Much more dangerous than the skinheads are the middle-Germans who feel the country needs a strong man to lead it and who would like to push the country to the right. When they openly discuss their political views, they're apt to say the extremist right "has a point" and that "Hitler was not all good, but he was not all bad." A broad number of profession-

als, such as lawyers, professors and doctors, subscribe to these views, Svoray said.

The extremists have sympathizers within the German police, Svoray said. He described being arrested and placed in handcuffs along with skinhead agitators, but never being charged. Police would drive them to the edge of town and release them or even drink coffee with them before letting them go.

Sympathizers within the police force would even warn extremists of impending raids, he recounted.

Svoray said that much of the propaganda used by the extremists originates with Ernst Zundel in Toronto. While the movement would exist without the materials, it provides German neo-Nazis with moral support, indicating to them that they are not alone in espousing their extremist views.

German authorities have cracked down on this sort of propaganda, he said, adding he was puzzled why Canada would allow the material to be exported.

Despite his findings, Svoray, an ex-Israeli paratrooper and policeman,

concluded that "the Fourth Reich is not around the corner."

Germany remains a viable democracy and thousands of Germans have marched against racist outbursts, such as the recent murders of Turks in the city of Solingen.

But the German government has pandered to the country's right wing by promising to tighten asylum laws. This has emboldened the extremists, Svoray said.

The police and government ignored his report when it was released in April and Svoray accused them of laxity in cracking down on neo-Nazi groups. Since then, German authorities have reacted to public concerns by requesting Svoray brief them on his findings.

"What I did, any German police force could've done, only 100 times better. It's a job for the Germans."

"You have to shine a very bright light on these people and show who they are," he said.

Svoray is scheduled to describe his findings to a U.S. congressional human rights subcommittee. His speaking tour includes stops in Montreal and Chicago as well.



Yaron Svoray

Canada to send 250 athletes to 14th Maccabiah Games

TORONTO — The upcoming 14th Maccabiah Games, which opens in Ramat Gan on July 5, promises to be the biggest yet, with 6,000 athletes representing 50 countries at the quadrennial competition.

Canada's team will include 250 athletes and assorted friends and supporters, for a total of 415, said Sidney Greenberg, president of Maccabi Canada. A chartered El Al 747 carrying the Canadian contingent will depart for Israel on June 30, he said.

For the first time in many years, athletes from Poland, Romania and Turkey will join their fellow sportsmen (and women) at the event that has been dubbed the "Jewish Olympics." Marking another breakthrough, South African athletes will march under their national flag — something they haven't done since 1981.

Representation from the republics of the former Soviet Union is expected to jump to 175 from the 57 who participated in the 1989 games. Among them are two Olympic gold medal winners in gymnastics.

Canada's team is sixth largest behind the host country, Israel, the United States with 675 athletes, South

Africa with 380, and Australia and Brazil with about 300 each.

Among the Canadian athletes are 19 juniors (under 17), five disabled sportsmen and three who'll vie for medals in masters tennis — Tiula and Stan Hyman of Montreal and Debbie Schwartz of Toronto.

Altogether, Canadians will participate in 27 sports.

The team has a heavy Toronto/Montreal flavor, but there are notable athletes from smaller Jewish centres as well.

Warren Paperny of Calgary, along with Ron Salzman of Montreal, will compete in the triathlon. Daniel Legoff of Vancouver, who finished third in the recent Vancouver marathon, is Canada's hope for a medal in the Maccabiah event, while Ethiopian-born Joseph Kiburi, who is enjoying an athletics scholarship at Vancouver's Simon Fraser University, will compete in the 1500 and 5000 metre races.

Winnipegger Mark Berger, who captured a bronze medal at the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles, will coach the judo team. Berger is a two-time gold medal winner at the Maccabiah Games, in 1981 and 1985.

Canada will field teams in basketball, softball, mini (indoor) football, rugby, and will participate in golf, table tennis, shooting, wrestling, sailing, tennis, squash, and other events.

Mike Katz of Toronto, assistant coach with Canada's men's national basketball team, will head up the Maccabiah squad. Winnipegger Dan Becker, who had a try out with the national team, is one of the few non-Toronto or Montreal athletes to crack the lineup.

In rugby, Vancouver will provide the bulk of the team, with 12 players who play together on the Merelomas, the British Columbia provincial champions.

The wrestling team is Montreal-based and features two solid medal hopefuls. Andrew Borodow wrestles in the heavyweight 94 kilo class. He finished fifth at the 1992 Olympics.

Greenberg said that because of the recession and the difficulty in raising funds, athletes are being asked to foot part of the bill of sending them to Israel. They are being asked to ante up \$1,200 each to help defray the \$4,000 per-athlete cost. Those athletes who cannot afford it will be subsidized, he added.

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U.S. Black leaders visit Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Black leaders visiting here from 12 American cities told Israelis last week that relations between Jewish and African Americans are historically close but complicated.

They also said their visit, sponsored by the Project Interchange program of the American Jewish Committee, had given them a "better set of tools" to take back to their communities, including a deeper understanding of the region, its players and some of the obstacles to peacemaking.

The group spent most of the trip learning about the country through briefings, lectures and visits to various sites and programs.

The delegation of 13, included academicians, clergy, state legislators, a state Supreme Court judge, a physician and a banker.

One evening was devoted to a reversal of roles in which they spoke to Israelis about the experience of being black in the United States today, about black-Jewish relations and about their impressions of Israel.

One visitor, Delores Kelley, a delegate from Baltimore to the Maryland General Assembly and a college English professor, stressed that the African American community is anything but monolithic.

Many African Americans, she said, "simply see Jews as more white people and (therefore) the oppressors," and there is tension and a feeling of "envy" of achievement and success that is proportionately greater than that of their community.

Others said some African Americans feel bitter and betrayed because

after years of working closely in civil rights and other coalitions, they believe Jews have "abandoned" them in the process of assimilating.

But many, said Kelley, still feel a sense of commonality.

Many share the Jewish vision of God, "the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob," and the "calling" to "repair the world, do justice and show mercy."

And many identify with the Jewish experience and history of suffering, persecution, exile and homeland, she said. "We also had wandering and are a diaspora people."

For this reason and because of the strong historic political coalitions between African Americans and Jews, segments of the African American community have been some of the staunchest supporters of U.S. aid to Israel, she said.

The Congressional Black Caucus is only one example, she observed.

But for some, she noted, such support is difficult, given the paltry aid given to places like Black Africa, Haiti and the urban centers of America.

There also has been a trend during the intifada to identify with the Arabs in the territories, said Kelley, "based on the nightly news reports" from Israel that suggest "darker-colored people are discriminated against (and) have no civil rights."

She said many African Americans who rely only on electronic media therefore retain a superficial "snapshot" impression of the situation here.

"Most of us on the trip knew of the complexity already, but this trip has

reinforced it," she said.

"The trip has been an eye-opener," said Carl Dickerson, a Los Angeles businessman, who said he had learned more points of view than he had access to in the U.S. media.

"It has convinced me Israel has a lot at stake to see an immediate resolution of the problem," he said.

The African American community is concerned about the Middle East region and its peace process and is informed about it as a result of "being bombarded by the news on a daily basis," said Earl Shinhoshter of Decatur, Ga., who is Southeast regional director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"But there is nothing like firsthand experience," he said.

The group also discussed some of the gains made by African Americans in the past three decades in civil rights and economic and political achievement in the United States.

But they also said there is "a lot of making-up to do" for the setbacks during the Reagan-Bush years.

Shinhoshter talked about the urgent need to combat poverty, crime, AIDS and other plagues ravaging the black community.

He said the biggest challenge is to preserve the community's threatened institutions, such as family and church, "that have brought us across and will carry us safely into the 21st century."

He said it is also critical for the community to transmit its collective memory and experience of Africa, systematically robbed and "blotted out" during slavery, from one generation to the next.



Osnat Tahan

Israeli woman vet 'like anyone else'

By LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV — Try to picture a disabled army veteran. The image that comes to mind is probably not that of Osnat Tahan, an attractive, blonde woman in a wheelchair.

But 44-year-old Tahan is one of several hundred Israeli women who are disabled as a result of their military service. Most of them were injured in training or automobile accidents. A handful were hurt while fighting in the War of Independence — the only war in which Israeli women served on the battlefield.

Tahan became a paraplegic following a car accident. She was on her way home from her base. She was 20 at the time.

"In one moment, your whole life changes," says the former high school basketball player. "At the beginning, I spent time thinking about whether I wanted to live or not. But from the moment I decided that I did want to live, I also decided I would live like anyone else."

For Tahan this meant making friends, going on trips around the country and refusing to allow her spirits to sink. For years she competed in throwing the javelin — from her wheelchair. "I have strong arms," she smiles proudly.

During the 21 months she spent in the hospital, she befriended another patient — and eventually married him. Today the couple have three children.

For Tahan's parents, the adjustment was much harder. They were never able to come to terms with her injury, she says. Holocaust survivors, whose families perished in Europe, their lives were marred by one tragedy after another. Several years after Tahan's accident, her younger sister's husband was killed in Lebanon.

"My mother couldn't accept the fact that she had one daughter who was paralyzed and another who was a war widow. When I came to visit her towards the end, she would look at me and ask: 'Who is this girl in the wheelchair?'"

She wasn't senile or suffering from Alzheimer's disease, explains Tahan. "She just couldn't accept the truth. Eventually, she died of sorrow."

If Tahan's parents lived in the shadow of the accident, her own children have not. She has two daughters and a son, aged 9, 17, and 18.

"I remember when I was pregnant for the first time I was very worried about how my children would feel about my disability. Would they be too embarrassed to bring friends home? But the children don't live in

the shadow of my disability. If anything, quite the opposite is true. Our house is always full. It's like a clubhouse here, with everyone bringing their friends over whenever they feel like it. Sometimes I even get annoyed at my children because they volunteer me for everything. 'Our mother will make the cake for school,' they offer without thinking twice. They certainly don't treat me as someone with limitations."

Tahan's husband, a former kibbutznik, is also disabled. He was serving in an elite army unit when he was accidentally shot during a training exercise. He lost one leg. Today, he works as a tour guide, leading groups of Israelis on trips abroad.

He travels a lot so much of the household responsibilities fall on me," she explains. "But even when the children were young I managed on my own. My daughter started walking at 9 months. It was just my luck," she laughs. "At 10 months I was removing her from a ladder."

Tahan hired one woman to help clean the house and another to go for walks with the children in the morning. "It takes me a long time to shower and dress in the morning. But the rest of the day I was always on my own with them."

"They are aware of all the problems a paralyzed person faces. I never hid anything from them. My daughters would come into the shower with me so they know the difficulties. Sometimes, by the end of the day, I don't have the strength to get undressed on my own. My younger daughter helps me. She usually jokes about it."

Tahan admits that it hasn't been easy. "At the beginning, I didn't think I'd ever learn — simple things like how to go from the bed to the wheelchair, or from the wheelchair to the car. I never thought I'd manage to get dressed on my own. It took hours in the hospital. But once I got home, I had no choice. I developed techniques. Today, it's normal for me."

She hopes to resume playing basketball soon, provided enough women in wheelchairs sign up for the activity at Beit Halochem. (There are several teams of paraplegic men on the basketball court but they play "too rough" for Tahan's taste.)

Most recently, she began volunteering five days a week doing clerical work at an army office. "At first, my younger daughter was a little uncomfortable with the idea. But after a few days, she was boasting about it to her friends. Today most mothers are out of the house working. It's just the normal thing to do."

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Amputation fails to keep Israeli from a 'normal' life

By LEORA FRUCHT

TEL AVIV — Sixty-eight-year-old Ralik Gal jumps up and down with the joy of a child. "You see," he says, "they bounce."

Gal is speaking about his legs. His artificial legs.

He feels he has every reason to jump for joy. When his two legs were blown off by a mine on May 14, 1948, the young Hagana commander couldn't imagine what he could do with his life.

"They didn't even have wheelchairs in Israel then, let alone prostheses," he recalls. "What could a man without legs do? I thought I would end up begging on the streets."

But Gal studied electrical engineering, spent 22 years working at Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) developing fighter planes, married, raised two children and today has four grandchildren. He loves to dance and has a perpetual twinkle in his pale blue eyes.

"I've always been an optimist," he admits. "Even though I didn't know how I'd manage after my injury, I felt inside that it would all work out somehow."

Ralik (Israel) Gal was at the capture of the Latrun police station when he unknowingly stepped into a minefield. He was on his way to help an injured soldier.

"There was an explosion. Both my legs went immediately. I saw one of them standing in my shoe nearby. The other one was still hanging from me. I ordered the other soldiers not to approach because of the mines. The medic had lost his hand in the same explosion and couldn't help me. I knew I'd have to give myself first aid."

"I pressed hard to stop the bleeding. I realized that if I lost consciousness there would be no one to stop me from bleeding to death. I felt I was losing my senses. The pain was intensifying. But I kept pressing."

Eventually Gal was evacuated from the minefield and brought to hospital. Before entering the operating room, he insisted on knowing whether a Jewish state had been declared.

He awoke to a new reality, one in which every small action called for ingenuity. There was only one wheelchair in the hospital. He found other ways to get around.

"I became very close friends with a soldier who had been blinded in battle. We became a team. He would carry me on his shoulders and I would guide him, by turning his head."

During Chanukah 1948, Gal was fitted with his first prostheses and attended a hospital ball thrown by the



Ralik Gal

nurses. When he began dancing, they burst into tears.

Gal spent the next few years in the United States where he served as a member of an Israeli fundraising delegation. He stayed on in the U.S. to obtain a master's degree in electrical engineering. "I wanted to prepare myself for a profession that would be in demand, something that would enable me to make a living on the basis of my knowledge and not on the basis of my disability."

He returned to Israel in 1955 and was hired by IAI, where he spent over two decades designing aircraft, including components of the country's first fighter plane, the Kfir. Although he never served on the battlefield again — despite his requests — Gal was called up in every one of Israel's wars since 1967. His intimate knowledge of aircraft was useful in planning bombing attacks. His study is filled with trophies and model airplanes bearing inscriptions of gratitude from the management of IAI.

In the personal realm, he fared just as well. His wife, Shula, recalls Ralik as a fun-loving young man often surrounded by attractive women. "He was always joking and dancing," she said. "He fell in love with him on the second date."

"My family couldn't understand why I chose him. There were many attractive, intelligent, wealthy boys who were interested in me. And I chose a man without legs, who had no job at the time, and no future," recalls Shula. "But I believed in him. I never thought of him as crippled. He never allowed me to feel that way

towards him."

Still, life wasn't exactly normal for the couple. "When the children would cry in the middle of the night, Ralik would rush to them on all fours so that I could sleep. But I'd jump up anyway, and sometimes accidentally fall on top of him."

When the couple's daughter was 3, she walked into the bedroom one night and saw her father's prostheses leaning against the wall. "Those doll's legs are very nice. I love these legs so much," she said, hugging her father's stumps. Then she asked him how it happened.

The next day the family visited the site where Gal lost his legs.

"There are a few things we couldn't do with the children, like hiking or going to the beach," he says. "When I would take off my prostheses at the beach, people would stare. It wasn't comfortable."

Instead the family would go swimming regularly at Beit HaLochem. "The advantage of Beit HaLochem is that it gives you intimacy with your injury," says Gal.

Now retired, he spends his time taking courses in everything from archaeology to astronomy. "All the things I never had time for over the years." He swims a couple of times a week and spends most weekends with Shula, surrounded by their children and grandchildren.

He also visits hospitals. "I meet the injured soldiers, especially the amputees. They see that I'm alive, that I'm productive, that I've raised a family. They see that there is life after being injured."

Israel may use loan guarantees to help with foreign debt

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — The Israeli government may use the U.S. loan guarantees to help reschedule its foreign debt, instead of for their original purpose of financing investment to facilitate immigrant absorption, Treasury officials said last week.

Following the first cabinet meeting on the 1994 state budget, Finance Ministry Director-General Aharon Fogel said this decision would be based on whether the current account deficit continued to be significantly lower than previously estimated. The current account measures the status of Israel's trade balance and financial transfers, including foreign aid and foreign currency brought into the country.

"If it is apparent that we won't need, from the perspective of the cur-

rent account deficit, the full amount [of the loan guarantees], then we must ensure that our foreign debt be as long term as possible," Fogel said.

He justified this position by noting that there was really little difference between using the guaranteed loans to pay back old debt — much of which had been incurred to finance investment — or to simply take on new debt. In either case, the money borrowed was being used to finance investment.

The need to take full advantage of the loan guarantees was one of the major items discussed at the cabinet meeting, which concentrated on reviewing the state of the economy and on economic assessments for the future. The Finance Ministry, together with the Bank of Israel and the Ministry of Economics and Plan-

ning, made presentations that will form the basis for the cabinet's budget deliberations.

At the cabinet meeting's conclusion, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said the presentations painted a positive picture of the economy. He stressed, however, that there still was a need to lower unemployment, rehabilitate the failing defence industries and make structural changes in the labor market. Rabin also expressed dissatisfaction with the slow progress of privatization.

A Treasury source admitted that if large national projects to absorb immigrants were ready to proceed, the money would have been already made available for them. The problem is that it will take two years before any such project could be implemented, the source said.

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The News in Brief

Air force officers found guilty

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Two Israeli air force lieutenants have been found guilty of criminal negligence for taking part in a lethal game of "net roulette" that led to the death of one soldier and serious injuries of another last July.

The two officers, Noah Terner and Yoram Naim, were convicted last week in Jaffa Military Court, while a third lieutenant was acquitted.

Cpl. Amir Melet was killed and Pvt. Lilach Bar-Natan injured while playing the deadly game, in which new recruits to an air force base prove their mettle by holding onto a large net, normally used to brake airplanes on the runway, as it is released into the air.

Melet and Bar-Natan apparently held onto the net in the wrong position and lost their grip as the net, operated by hydraulic power, was lifted into the air. The two were catapulted over the runway before crashing to the ground.

Bar-Natan, who sustained injuries to her head and internal organs, still suffers from amnesia.

The officers found guilty were standing nearby and failed to stop the activities.

The officer in charge of the control tower, who actually set the net in motion, was acquitted, as it was determined that he had been too far from the end of the runway to see what was happening and had no reason to believe that the order given to him to release the net was not a test.

The convicted officers are to be sentenced this week.

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Kuwait to end 'indirect' boycott of Israel

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The Israeli government and American Jewish groups have lauded an announcement by Kuwait's foreign minister that his country will no longer adhere to the "indirect" Arab boycott of companies that do business with Israel.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sabah al-Ahmed al-Jaber al-Sabah announced the policy change in Kuwait, but said his country would continue to honor the primary Arab boycott, which bars doing business with Israeli companies or in Israel itself.

Nonetheless, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres hailed the news and said other Arab states should follow suit.

The U.S. ambassador to Kuwait, Edward Gnehm, had told the conference last week that the Kuwaiti government would be issuing new regulations and revising forms to remove boycott-related questions.

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Jerusalem gears up for mayoral contest

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Jerusalem is gearing up for its first serious mayoral contest in more than two decades as veteran Mayor Teddy Kollek, 82, takes on a vigorous challenger in former Likud minister of health, Ehud Olmert.

Mayoral elections will be held in most of Israel's towns in November.

Olmert, 46, triumphed impressively last week in his party's local primary election over former Knesset member Reuven Rivlin, a well-known Jerusalem figure and former chairman of the capital's popular Betar Yerushalayim soccer team.

In a major upset in the Likud's countrywide municipal primaries, the mayor of Kiryat Shmona, Prosper Azran, was defeated by his deputy, Yosef Chimi.

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Israeli officer questioned

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A team of American investigators has arrived in Israel to question a former senior Israeli air force officer in connection with a bribery scandal involving U.S. defense contractors.

Col. Rami Dotan, former head of the Israeli air force's equipment division and at one time head of the air force's purchasing mission in the United States, is currently serving a 13-year prison sentence for accepting some \$12 million in bribes from U.S. aircraft manufacturers.

Other officers who worked with him are also serving various prison terms for their participation in the scam. Some of them were posted as Israeli air force liaison officers in some of the top aircraft and parts suppliers in the United States.

In the questioning, the Americans aim to find out what Dotan and his accomplices did with the money and how they managed to launder such large sums and transfer them out of the country.

Among the corporations involved was General Electric, which admitted to its complicity and reportedly paid the U.S. government \$69 million to settle the case.

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Bronfman to address UN conference

NEW YORK — The president of the World Jewish Congress, Edgar Bronfman, has been invited to the United

Nations to address its World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna this week, at which time the WJC will call for a UN resolution explicitly condemning anti-Semitism.

In addition to governmental leaders addressing the gathering, the UN has also invited prominent international personalities to deliver remarks. Bronfman will be joined in this group along with such figures as former U.S. president Jimmy Carter, Nelson Mandela and Corazon Aquino of the Philippines.

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Immigrants stage violent protest

JERUSALEM (JTA) — A peaceful demonstration by new immigrants living in trailer homes at an absorption center near Acre turned violent when some of the demonstrators threw stones at police, injuring three of them.

Immigrants from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union were protesting what they claimed were unacceptable conditions at the site, which houses more than 4,000 people.

The immigrants have complained repeatedly about the trailer camp's state of disrepair. They say it is unfair for them to pay for repairs that should be made by the owners, the state-run Amidar housing company.

Residents are required to pay for repairs to their mobile homes before they can be considered eligible to receive rent subsidies for regular apartments or discounted mortgages for permanent homes.

The Construction and Housing Ministry has decided to gradually phase out the trailer home centers scattered around the country, which were established to help house the massive wave of new immigrants.

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Violence in territories down since closure

JERUSALEM (JPFS) — Violence in the territories dropped during the two-month closure despite expectations that it would increase, military sources recently announced.

However, the IDF and human rights groups agreed there was a sharp increase in the number of Palestinians killed by soldiers in Gaza last month.

There was a corresponding drop in the number of interethnic Palestinian killings, which for more than a year had exceeded month by month the number of killings by soldiers.

The number of troops in the territories has doubled during the closure, military sources said.

During the closure, the number of attacks by Palestinians in Gaza in which someone was injured dropped to 126, compared with 180 during the previous two months, although the number of disturbances there increased from 747 to 874.

During the two months of the closure, six Israelis have been killed, compared with 19 in the previous two months.

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Sephardic synagogue restored

AMSTERDAM (JTA) — This city's 300-year-old Sephardic Eshnoga — the Ladino word for synagogue — was rededicated last week after extensive restoration, in a ceremony attended by some 800 invited guests, including Prince Claus, the husband of Queen Beatrix of Holland.

The restoration took 2 1/2 years and cost some \$5 million.

The Amsterdam Sephardic congregation, which today is the only Sephardic congregation still existing in the Netherlands, has only some 600 members. They were unable to raise the necessary funds by themselves.

The restoration was made possible by gifts from the Prince Bernhard Fund and other Dutch institutions. The Society of Friends of the Eshnoga enabled donors to adopt parts of the building ranging from roof tiles to portions of the walls and lamps.

The Eshnoga was built in the 17th century to replace earlier, smaller Sephardic synagogues in Amsterdam. In contrast to other Dutch synagogues, the Eshnoga did not suffer during the World War II German occupation since it was declared a protected monument.

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Hungarian Jewish cemetery desecrated

BUDAPEST (JTA) — Tombs in a Jewish cemetery were daubed with neo-Nazi slogans in a town in northeastern Hungary known for its right-wing skinhead movement.

Swastikas and slogans such as "Heil Hitler" and "Adolf" were painted on tombs, and others were damaged in Eger's Jewish cemetery.

According to reports in the Hungarian media, satanic slogans were also painted on tombs in the town's Catholic cemetery. However, television reports showed pictures of only the Jewish tombs.

Police declined to speculate on the identity of the vandals, refusing to make a connection between Eger's strong skinhead movement and the attack, which was believed to have taken place at midnight.

Front Line

Israel must confront serious issues to achieve peace

By YESHAYAHU ANUG

There is not too much confidence amongst Israelis in the chances of a durable peace with Syria and the Palestinians, but this does not translate into general opposition to the peace efforts.

On the fringes of Israel's tense society are two minority groups. The one is sedate and would settle all too rapidly for nearly full withdrawal from the territories occupied in the Six Day War and hope for the best; while the other, incomparably noisier, would under no circumstances budge an inch and promises to resist any territorial change even by force.

In the centre is the skeptical majority, with its different voting patterns. It is expected to support a negotiated settlement provided that maximum security is obtained, rather than to confront the risks of war. Such reading of the public mood is not reflected in Israel's daily politics and can not be corroborated by solid evidence, but is widely shared by unbiased observers. We dealt with the volatile Arab front in our last column. Now let's look at Israel.

The search for peace against all the odds of uncertainty seems to guide Rabin's cabinet, but its confusing tactics obscure the picture. The government's performance in this and related issues reflects not just understandable caution, but also some clumsiness. There is no recognizable planning. Time is wasted on internal haggling, such as over the re-animation of the fragile coalition. Important decisions on emerging issues are made

on the spur of the moment and are lacking in foresight. Corrections become inevitable but are usually delayed or improvised.

This weakness helps the opposition, which is itself in internal trouble, to seek unity by continuously exposing the government to no-confidence tests in the Knesset. The legitimacy of any opposition's attempt to democratically unseat a government is unquestionable. But while it is true that the government's tactics in and around the peace negotiations lend themselves to criticism, Likud has only gloomy messages and no alternatives to offer.

One should not regard the government's fragile support in parliament as a sufficient explanation for its tottering policies. More important is the embarrassing hesitation to share the complex reality with the public. The ongoing attachment to old formulas is disturbing. By its vacillations, which go beyond the dictates of caution, the government itself is in danger of discrediting the settlement it claims to pursue. The serious issues in the peace negotiations are understated, but incessantly aired by a media fed by indiscretions. These are often tendentious or unreliable and fill the air with speculations. The exposure of just a few dilemmas, which the government hesitates to face, will help Israelis to understand the urgency with which they should be faced.

Autonomy: This transitory phase for the territories, first discussed as early as 1978, is not only prescribed by the Camp David agreements but is also the unavoidable first step towards a lasting settlement with the Palestinians. It should

afford them a transitory period of dignified self-rule and test co-existence. The Palestinians want to plant in the autonomy arrangements the seeds of future statehood. Israel opposes a Palestinian state but has found no formula which would calm

Palestinian fears of permanent Israeli rule. The critical issues on this subject are related to the ongoing — if limited — Israeli settlement in the territories and to the legal status of the Jewish settlers during the interim period. For political reasons, the government prefers ambiguity over clarity on both.

PLO or Hamas?: In the bloody struggle between Hamas and PLO for popular support in the territories, Israel has fought both organizations while accepting the PLO's factual role in the negotiations. The PLO has no way to prove to its loyalists that its indirect participation in the peace process produces results and is losing out to Hamas. Its self-proclaimed ability to take on the responsibility for maintaining law and order during the autonomy period is untested. Israel must either totally change its occupation policies or decide to grant the PLO a role. The situation in the territories, especially in the Gaza Strip, is explosive.

Jerusalem: Israel rightly insists on the geographical indivisibility of Jerusalem and on the universal recognition of its status as the nation's capital, but has so far not revealed how it intends to accommodate the legitimate interests of the other two great religions in the Old City. More important than that, it has not decided how to regulate the daily relationship between the West-

bankers and the 150,000 Arabs who live in East Jerusalem. Like it or not, East Jerusalem with its Arab infrastructure is the heart of Palestinian economical and cultural life. Even their medical facilities are there. If the government still believed that the problem of Jerusalem should, because of its emotional content, not be discussed in this early stage of the peace talks, it should have avoided focusing on it, as it unfortunately did by lack of foresight in connection with the recent closure of the territories. Another dilemma that cannot be wished away by inaction or improvisation.

The Golan: The Israeli-Syrian talks have their ups and downs with Rabin and Assad stopping now and then to ask themselves what the other really meant by his last hint. Clarification is needed not just in the bilateral context: it will influence the talks with the Palestinians and affect the very tense situation in southern Lebanon. The Golan is a sensitive issue in Israel, but indecision breeds only more complications.

The future Middle East: The peace conference in Madrid 18 months ago not only started the so-far fruitless bilateral negotiations, but also mobilized international activity in preparing the Middle East's economical future. Intended from the very start to be an incentive to the parties to end their struggles, the various multilateral contacts are more encouraging than expected, particularly to Israel. But progress depends on the pace of the bilateral talks. How to maintain the growing international interest and commitment to the development of a pacified Middle East without making a decisive effort to extricate the bilateral talks from their impasse is another Israeli problem that must be attended.



Yeshayahu Anug

Neo-Nazis sinking roots in German political system

By THOMAS O'DWYER

The death recently of five Turks, including two little girls, in a fire set by a neo-Nazi firebomb in the western German city of Solingen gives the lie to assurances that the scourge of right-wing extremism was under control in Germany. It also demonstrated that the controversial law passed to restrict refugee immigration will not defuse the violence, but is being seen by the neo-Nazis as a victory for their methods.

The death and injury toll in the attack was far higher than in any of the previous assaults against foreigners that have become rampant since Germany was reunited in 1990. Four sisters, ages five to 27, and a woman who jumped with her baby from an attic were killed. Fourteen others were injured, eight seriously, among them a seven-month-old baby. There is little doubt about who is responsible for these latest murders that will horrify Europe. Witnesses clearly saw youths in neo-Nazi dress running from the Turkish house after having set a bomb there. Swastikas had been daubed on the walls of a school nearby. Unlike the recent car-bombing terrorists in Italy, the perpetrators of atrocities in Germany make little effort to hide their responsibility.

Some 2,200 neo-Nazi attacks took place last year, killing 17 people. More than 670 were reported in the first third of this year—270 more than in the same period last year, despite the general impression given abroad that the crest of the wave of violence had passed at the end of 1992. The truth is that rather than being rooted out, crude neo-Nazism has been sinking roots into the political system and drawing strength from intellectual apologists on the extreme right.

Taking lessons from their spiritual mentors in the 1920s, the skinheads have crudely attacked in an area where large numbers of Germans feel both anxiety and guilt. The anxiety about the numbers of immigrants that have flooded into a state struggling with the problems of reunification are genuine; the guilt over the past has prevented the issue being aired in healthy public debate. The neo-Nazis have also had the gratification of seeing their prejudices taken up by extreme right-wing politicians while the democratic center is collapsing in disarray.

Nor are the attacks on Germany's ethnic Turks random. Feeding on fears of unemployment in recessionary times, the neo-Nazis are now targeting those whom Germany was once happy to invite to do jobs Germans would not do, but who are now blamed by the right-wing, German

working-class for blocking their access to employment. The fire was a copy of the attack on a house in the northern town of Moelln in November which killed three Turks, a woman and two girls. Munich police say neo-Nazis set another fire in a house occupied by Turks and Afghans — fortunately no one was injured. And in Solingen itself neo-Nazis started another fire at a Turkish cultural center a couple of months ago.

The tactic is clear — if the German Turks can be sufficiently terrorized, they may be tempted to take the law into their own hands to protect themselves, sparking the civil strife the neo-Nazis would dearly love to feed on to advance their aims.

The neo-Nazis' opponents, who mobbed the German parliament, now feel vindicated in their arguments that the passing of strict laws to curb immigration has merely played into the hands of the extremists. They argued that, far from curbing the violence, the ban on foreigners would only encourage it. "The Nazis have demonstrated that they feel confirmed by the vote of the parliament," one anti-Nazi activist said.

The marathon parliamentary debate on the issue attracted the angry demonstration by thousands of opponents who protested that Germany

had a moral obligation to let in political refugees in atonement for its Nazi past. To be sure, this is a difficult problem for the state, but in the face of neo-Nazi terrorism, the government's priorities seems to have gone somewhat awry, in lining up alongside the extreme rightists on the same issue.

The problem with neo-Nazism is not that it has "an issue" which belongs in the public debating arena, but that it has a clear agenda to murder and terrorize those it does not like, and to divide the nation against itself. It has been said of Germany since reunification that the state manages to fear Nazism both too much and not enough. The government has been loath to use strong security measures against the skinheads for fear of being accused of storm-trooping, while failing to see the danger of not being tough enough.

Neo-nazism is not football hooliganism. It is terrorism based on a model that once "succeeded" only too well. Its cry that Germany should be "greater than it is" may strike a chord with those patriotic Germans now moving to the right. But the democrats are failing to remind them loudly enough that Hitler's Nazism never made Germans "greater". It made them not only less than they should be, but sunk them to the lowest, most bestial level of any nation on earth. —(c) JPFS 1993

Are Israeli nationalists ready to give peace a chance?

By CARL ALPERT

Unfriendly observers from overseas, seeking an angle from which to batter Israel, from time to time seek to stimulate a discussion on whether Israel might some day face the possibility of an internal military coup. Arik Sharon is usually portrayed as a man capable of leading a putsch which would overthrow the government and institute a military dictatorship. Any such possibility is completely foreign to the Israel spirit, and the question is raised only to demonize and besmirch Israel in world public opinion.

Having said that, it must be noted that negotiations with the Arabs calling for peace in return for major compromise on the part of Israel, including yielding up of all or most of the Golan Heights, and withdrawal from large areas of Judea and Samaria, have drawn threats from Israeli nationalists that they would never permit such action to be taken, no matter what the government had decided.

How far are they prepared to go? Would they take up arms? Would they fire at Israeli soldiers who came to evict Jewish settlers from lands suddenly located on the other side of the border? Memories are recalled of the struggle to get the settlers out of Yamit, in the northern Sinai, but the confrontation there went little beyond push-



Arik Sharon

ing and shoving on both sides before the army prevailed, and the unhappy settlers were finally compelled to abandon their homes.

Sensation seekers have indeed been able to locate a few hotheads who threaten to take rifle in hand and shoot to kill if the army seeks to oust them, though almost nobody expects it would take on the dimensions of a civil war. It is always possible, however, that during the course of fiery demonstrations things could get out of hand, and physical clashes would ensue.

Without going into the argument whether the

peace which is attained in return for territorial compromise would last very long, or whether it would only serve to weaken Israel in the face of the next organized Arab attack, it should be noted that public opinion here is hawkish on the subject.

A Gallup poll, published by *Maariv*, recorded that 17 percent of the public would support Judea and Samaria settlers if the latter chose to use force in opposing a government decision to get them out. Another 37.5 percent would understand and accept the settlers' reasons for objecting by force. This makes a total of almost 55 percent showing some degree of approval of forceful resistance. Even among registered Labor Party members, 7 percent are ready to join the resistance, and another 39 percent would accept the use of force with understanding.

The debate along these lines is already swelling, and even delays in the peace talks have not settled the controversy.

"We shall not go peacefully as did the settlers of Yamit," is the cry from some settlers on the Golan Heights.

"Crazy settlers may assassinate government leaders," is the warning from some left wing commentators.

Sober heads urge that matters not be allowed to deteriorate and get out of hand. Three alter-

native suggestions are offered as possible ways out of the impending crisis:

One. Rabin should refrain from any further negotiations with the Arabs which include concessions and sacrifices by Israel. He should first turn to the people. A popular referendum of all voters should gauge exactly how far the people are ready and willing to go. With this knowledge, Rabin may return to negotiations, knowing where he stands at home.

Two. Rabin should continue the negotiations, seeking to obtain the best arrangements possible. Once agreement is reached, he should turn to the people, not just to the Knesset, and ask the electorate as a whole to approve or reject the proposed peace and the cost to be paid.

Three. The government today rests on a bare majority of the Knesset, and the party in power was not mandated by the electorate to take extreme steps. The only alternative is to dissolve the government and the Knesset, and proceed with new elections. Each party will campaign on the basis of a clear and unambiguous platform with regard to the fateful decisions to be made. Let the people express their choice, and then the new government — hopefully with a more substantial public endorsement than the previous — will have its terms of reference clearly spelled out.

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Sickening epidemic

Racist violence is sweeping across Europe like an epidemic, snuffing out innocent lives and calling into question the ability, or will, of governments to quell the rising tide of neo-Nazi thuggery.

There is probably not a country in Europe whose leadership condones this sickening, worrisome phenomenon. Indeed, prime ministers and presidents regularly condemn manifestations of fascism.

But are pious words, however sincere, sufficient?

No! A thousand times no!

To combat neo-Nazism effectively, governments must unleash the full power of the state against those despicable elements which try to disrupt, even destroy, the basis of democratic order. A case in point is Germany, which is still coming to terms with its Nazi past.

Since the beginning of this year, neo-Nazi hooligans have carried out more than 500 assaults against foreigners, leftists and Jews. In the most shameful attack, on May 29, five Turkish women and girls were killed in the town of Solingen when their house was fire-bombed.

In an attempt to keep the neo-Nazis in check, Germany, in the past half year, has banned several far-right organizations and beefed up its police forces. But in light of the continuing xenophobic attacks, these measures are obviously insufficient. Neither, we might add, have well-meaning nation-wide candlelight vigils (*Lichterkerzen*) deterred the arsonists.

It's clear that right-wing extremism, which gutted Germany in the 1930s and disgraced its civilization, can only be combated by the toughest of means. The details of such a concerted campaign are best left to the German authorities, who are not without wit or resources. But if Germany is seriously interested in containing this scourge, it will, as German Jewish leader Ignatz Bubis suggested recently, have no choice but to crack down as hard on the rightists as it did on the radical leftists in the 1970s.

As well, it is urgently incumbent on Chancellor Helmut Kohl to demonstrate greater, far more compassionate leadership. Kohl was "appalled" by the Solingen incident, but he did not attend the memorial service held in honor of the deceased Turks. He thereby missed an opportunity to set a moral example.

It might also be wise if Germany further liberalizes its ethnic-based immigration policy. Turks and other foreigners who've lived in Germany for years experience difficulty in obtaining German citizenship. As outsiders in law, they are easy targets for neo-Nazis.

Ultimately, racism is an ugly blot on humanity, whether it occurs in Germany, Italy, France, Britain or Canada (which has no shortage of anti-Semitic agitators and neo-Nazi bandits.) If violent intolerance has no place in a decent society, governments, police forces and educators will have to work infinitely harder to stamp it out.

Rock on

While Israel's exuberant democracy has been pre-occupied, musically speaking, with the legitimacy of playing Wagner in public, the controversy has obscured another area of contention — the growth of politicized rock music.

Within the last ten years, reports *The New York Times* (April 15), the number of rock bands in Israel has grown from 10 to 500 — a phenomenal number given the limited number of radio stations available for playing their recording and the explosive content of their lyrics.

One group headed by Aviv Geffen, which specializes in iconoclastic attacks against Israel's national symbols and government policy recently attracted 2,000 teenage fans to a session in a warehouse near Tel Aviv. Cara Greenberg reports, moreover, that Geffen is merely one of a large number of Israeli song writers who is using rock rhythms to touch upon major social issues in Israel.

Sales of rock albums by some groups have reached 20,000; this is an extremely high number for songs which deal variously with the situation in Gaza and the territories, inequities between Arabs and Jews, child abuse and the Israeli army's crackdown on Palestinians.

These new politically conscious rock themes represent a radical departure from the sentimental ballads that marked Israeli popular music for four decades. They are an important barometer in ascertaining the thinking of the thousands of young Israelis who are not yet of voting age. The positive reception which Israel's rock groups are receiving suggests that for many the political and social status quo is no longer acceptable.

The voice of rock is still a minor chord in Israel and it is unloved by those segments of Israeli society who look upon it as an expression of juvenile rebelliousness — and bad music to boot. Yet rock music is providing a channel of dissent, protest and disagreement for Israel's young cadres and as such it merits attention.



SCOUTS ON PARADE

Israeli Arab Scouts in Jaffa prepare to parade on the first day of Id al-Adah, the Feast of the Sacrifice, (May 31 this year). In Islamic belief, the feast celebrates the sparing of Ishmael, whom Abraham was prepared to sacrifice on Mount Arafat near Mecca. [IPPA photo]

Letters to the Editor

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

THE INTERMARRIAGE SERIES

Re: Second of a two-part series on intermarriage.

You chronicle five cases of mixed relationships who are reasonably happy with their decision. In all fairness, do you intend to give the other side of this biased, one sided article at least equal time.

Surely any rabbi could put you in contact with individuals who would be only too willing to speak of their experiences.

I am not referring to the dozen official Supreme Court of Ontario transcripts in my files, documenting cases of separation, divorce and yes, kidnapping and extortion occurring directly as a result of interfaith marriage. I am simply referring to the literally hundreds of marriages gone and going sour because of it.

Statistically, the rate of prevalence of divorce in such marriages over those of same faith marriages varies between 30 and 60 percent.

I object to your article, not as a rabbi, not as a Jew, but as a reader interested in an objective story. Your article as such, was unworthy journalism.

Rabbi Yehiel W. Benayon
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Editor's Note: Of the five cases chronicled, two were intermarriages; two were conversionary marriages (one couple is now divorced); one was an in-marriage.

WE'RE IN THE SOUP

I am writing with regard to Ruth Schweitzer's article entitled Starting Your Own Business (May 28) which covered the May '6 meeting of the Young Business Network of UJA.

I would like to draw to your reader's attention the fact that the company and label under which my soups are sold is Neil's Soup Kettle; the article incorrectly identified my label as Neil's Soup Kitchen.

Neil Zworth
President, Neil's Soup Kettle
Toronto

ELITIST DAY SCHOOLS

The Toronto Jewish day school program is an elitist education system which for many years has lost sight of the real needs of a community struggling to survive in a devouring sea of integration and intermarriage.

Their program is elitist because it caters only to the brightest and not average young Jewish minds. A well rounded system looks after the learning needs of all its students and does not seek to disregard those who do not meet up to its very high standards. Many children are turned out of the program at kindergarten level. To make matters worse the tuition fees are prohibitive for the average Jewish family.

Sure there are bursaries for the few lower income families who have children that can handle their learning program, but the education standards are so high a very small percentage of the community are eligible. Besides how many families want to go through a financial assessment by people who are strangers to them?

The integration and intermarriage of the Jewish community into the general population has now reached the proportions of a cultural holocaust. There are several reasons for this but the main one is a lack of proper Jewish education of all our young.

Part time Jewish education (Sunday School) has failed to stop the wide spread problem for the vast majority of Jewish kids because over 90 percent of their learning time is in an integrated learning system that neither shares or teaches most of our values. Their system is winning the struggle for the minds of our children.

The people who run the Jewish day school system tell us it is too expensive to have our own education system where every child can go for little or

no cost. The government forces all of us to pay and support the public school system and this is the main reason we have little money for our own system.

In their wisdom they have hired lawyers to convince the courts that under the constitution our rights are being violated because we are forced to pay, and support it. I believe that the hiring of lawyers for this purpose is not only a waste of money but valuable time we can't afford to lose.

What is needed is stronger action. It now costs \$8,000 a year for each child going to public schools. The government saves this money on every child in the private school system. If a great many of the private school children were also registered in the public school system, they would be forced to accommodate them and the cost of doing this will escalate the public school costs incredibly. It would run into many million of dollars. More buses, more teachers, and more schools would be required immediately. If we coupled this by rotating our children between going to public school and our schools on no fixed schedule we would create financial and operating turmoil for them. It is only tactics like this that will bring this government to the negotiating table to work out a deal for Jewish education.

This is the only way our children whether bright, average, rich or poor can go to our schools and stop once and for all the cultural disintegration we now suffer.

Marvin Lee
Toronto

SEEKS MAYEROVICH

In the story by Janice Arnold (Joyce Borenstein documentary nabbed Oscar nomination) the name Harry Mayerovich was mentioned.

My relatives who were never seen after World War II had the surname of Mayerovitch.

I wish to get in touch with this gentleman and discover if he is from the Mayerovitch family who resided in Poland. My father is a Holocaust survivor who is in his retirement years and would be happy if he could see a member of his family.

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Opinion

Reproductive research makes Germans remember past

By RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

A few years ago, Canada had a Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies, and its report encouraged further research.

At the same time in Germany, the women's movement, instead of supporting the research, was issuing a warning. Moral considerations were at the core of that worry, and the reason why they sounded the tocsin is worth considering. For the German opposition to unrestricted application of reproductive research was based on the memory of a period in history when this branch of science led to horrid abuse. Once burned, twice cautious.

The German opposition to such engineering is not confined to women's groups; it embraces religious, labor, and scientific interests well. Their bottom line is simple. In their own country, 50 years ago, such engineering was in vogue and scientists helped to decide who was worthy of living and who was not. In doing so they also presumed to define what constituted a "life worth living." Their example should scare anyone who cares to look rather than look away.

All this is examined thoroughly and clearly in an article in the latest issue of *Saturday Night*.

Written by Varda Burstyn, former co-chair of the National Action Committee of the Status of Women, it is tellingly entitled *Breeding Discontent*. On my recent trip to Germany I heard some of these concerns, but I will let Burstyn speak as she studied the matter both here and there.

"The new technologies of pre-natal genetic screening — amniocentesis, chronic villus sampling, maternal blood sampling, and now, pre-implantation diagnosis — will never be able to prevent the disabilities caused by social and medical factors."

German critics point out that the new technologies divert badly needed funds from these very factors and pave the way for mass acceptance of highly dangerous and often dubious practices. We in North America are always in love with any real or apparent scientific progress and tend to downplay cautions and questions. "Don't stand in the way of progress" is our general attitude. But when you are standing at the edge of an abyss, going forward is not the best way to guard your life. The new technologies may be of that kind.

It is well known that the Nazis used such research to dispose of people with "undesirable"

characteristics — from being retarded to having a handicap or being "unfit" in some other officially defined way. What is not so well known, says Burstyn, is the fact that the Nazis were not



Rabbi Plaut

abusing science when they did this; rather, leading scientists themselves supported these programs with their research and prestige. They bought into the idea that it is permissible to determine, for the sake of the community, who is fit to live and who is not. No wonder that the opposition to this whole range of research is today centred in Germany.

One of the country's geneticists, Ludger Wess, has this to say about his predecessors in the Third Reich, not all of whom were blood-thirsty Nazis: "I suppose that you could say that they all believed genetics should be applied to get 'better' human beings. They wanted to control evolution. They thought human beings should be improved. They were conscientious and dedicated eugenicists. All of them, not just the Germans."

In 1938, writes Burstyn, "certain geneticists even told German politicians that only one third of the German population was fit to reproduce, and that the other two thirds should be sterilized or prohibited from procreating."

Wess and his co-workers suspect that "the real agenda of today's reproductive technology and genetic engineering is a eugenic one," meaning the desire to create a more perfect, less encumbered, population. That will sound harsh in the ears of a couple who are desperately trying to have a baby and now see a glimmer of hope in this research. But while their plight is understandable and their purpose noble, the welfare of the whole of society must be taken into account.

Wess concludes that a great deal of genetic research should stop or be stopped, and lately Canadian women's groups too have similar ideas. Burstyn says: "Given the severity of the potential consequences of these technologies as measured against the limited gains, the cautionary words of the German critics are crucial to heed. We are not ready — scientifically or socially — for artificial intervention into reproductive and genetic life. Let us stop — or at least seriously slow — the train of proliferation, before we find that though we do not want to arrive at its final destination, we cannot get off."

Remember the biblical tale of the tree of knowledge in the Garden of Eden. It teaches us that human beings aspiring to possess all knowledge and act upon it may lose their garden and its bounties.

Soviet breakup leads to boost in Israel foreign service

By CARL SCHRAG

Welcome to the brave new world of Israel's foreign service.

Since the late 1980s, the number of Israeli embassies and consulates around the world has leapt by 50 percent. From Moscow to Beijing, from Tashkent to Lagos and New Delhi, the Israeli flag flies in places where it had been absent for decades, or had never been before.

Much of that increase is due to the breakup of the former Soviet Union. What used to be one country suddenly became 15. In its final hours, the USSR established diplomatic ties with Israel, and most of the newly independent republics have followed suit.

"In the past three or four years the world has undergone massive change," says Zvi Mazel, director of the Foreign Ministry division that covers Russia and the European countries of the former Soviet Union.

He points to his last overseas posting. When he was appointed ambassador to Romania.

In 1989, he went to the only country in the Soviet bloc that had full relations with Israel. By the time he returned to Jerusalem in 1992, there were 24 new diplomatic missions.

In a very short time, Mazel says, all the countries of Eastern Europe renewed diplomatic ties. Elsewhere in the world, China, Nigeria, India and other countries that had shunned formal links may even set up embassies.

"We even sent a delegation to Vietnam," he says, awe evident in his voice. "All of these developments signal a major change in Israel's diplomatic standing."

So far so good. But while no one is complaining about the country's newfound global acceptance, the Foreign Ministry finds itself being stretched very thin.

"Between the time I left the ministry in 1988, as director-general, and when I returned in 1992 as deputy minister, the number of missions we have around the world jumped by 30," says Yossi Beilin. Today the total stands at 94.

"We have a staff of about 900," the deputy minister adds. "That's about the same number we had a few years ago."

Many of those employees are stationed in Jerusalem, and approximately 2,000 local employees bolster the Israelis who staff embassies and consulates around the world. While the number of local workers grows each time a new office is opened, the number of career foreign service people has not kept pace.

"We get some new staff slots for each new office we open," says Foreign Ministry head of personnel Nissim Ben-Shetrit. "We have embarked on a huge campaign to increase the number of cadets we accept into our annual course to train foreign service workers. We are looking especially for people who speak Russian, Ukrainian and Latvian — people who come from those countries."

But the campaign isn't all that huge, and it will take years before the ministry catches up with reality.

Until recently, the cadet course accepted about 15 people per year. In the 1970s, when the country was particularly isolated, the number could be as small as four or five. Now, Ben-Shetrit says, the course seeks 30 qualified people annually.

Hundreds of people apply each year, he says, and they must pass a series of tests and background checks. Generally, 30-35 make the last cut. From this "short list," the cadets are selected.

"We still take only the best," Ben-Shetrit says, "but we are willing to go all the way down the list of those who meet our criteria [in areas such as command of exotic languages or specialized qualifications]."

But simply hiring new people isn't enough. It takes years to train foreign service people. According to Mazel, every career diplomat begins with the rank of cadet. After about two years, a cadet can be advanced to the rank of second secretary. From there, the process carries each man or woman to first secretary, counsellor, minister-counsellor and minister (plenipotentiary). At that point, usually after at least 20 years in the foreign service, the minister of foreign affairs can grant someone the rank of ambassador.

These are personal grades/ranks, not the posts for which a staffer is qualified. Nonetheless, a second secretary cannot be appointed ambassador

to anywhere, and a minister-counsellor would not be sent to a small mission as the No. 3 man.

In short, enlarged cadet courses will help solve the ministry's manpower shortages in the 21st century, but won't generate the large number of seasoned diplomats the ministry needs today in Tbilisi and New Delhi.

Beilin admits that if the Foreign Ministry were being established today, it would certainly dispatch its personnel along different lines.

During the country's isolated years, he says, Israel tended to set up an embassy in just about any country that was willing to establish ties.

"We were represented in countries where the only other countries represented were the United States; the USSR and one or two large Western European countries," Beilin says. One such example, he says, was Mali.

Now that China, India and Russia beckon, Beilin says, it's not so easy to abandon the missions in small or relatively unimportant African or Latin American countries. "This creates some paradoxes," he says. "There are countries in Latin America or Africa where we are fully represented, but in China, we're only in Beijing, and in India, where we are in New Delhi and Bombay, we really should be in Calcutta, too."

The former Soviet Union poses a particular challenge. "Most countries our size have an embassy in Moscow that deals with all the [CIS] countries," he says. "But our foreign policy is guided by our interests, and that relates to the Jews who live in the Diaspora. We need a lot of representation in the CIS."

Today, six Israeli embassies are operating in the former Soviet Union, serving nine of the 15 republics. Embassies operate in Russia, Ukraine, Latvia — serving all three Baltic states — Georgia, Kazakhstan — also serving Kyrgyzstan — and Uzbekistan. In the near future, Mazel says, plans call for embassies in Belarus, Moldova and Azerbaijan.

Mazel says some veteran Foreign Ministry staffers are getting overseas assignments that would normally have come a few years down the line. More people are being sent abroad at any given time, meaning that the number of people staffing the headquarters in Jerusalem has fallen.

Beilin points to a plan to hire a small group

of veteran immigrants from the former Soviet Union — people who have not worked for the Foreign Ministry in the past — to serve as ambassadors and other high-ranking officials in Israeli embassies in the region. Such people would be hired on special two-year contracts, with the goal being that the ministry would be ready to cope with its own staff by the time the contracts end.

Not surprisingly, career foreign service workers greeted the plan with skepticism. Mazel says they didn't like the idea of bringing in non-career diplomats on special contracts, but adds that they understand the severity of the manpower shortage and are willing to accept the temporary workers in limited numbers.

Newspaper advertisements produced a flood of applications, and selections have been made. Ben-Shetrit says: "There are still problems with the plan. We will do it with small numbers of people, but we will only take outsiders if we do not find staff members who can fill a post."

Those who are sent abroad should not expect a glamorous life in the diplomatic fast lane. Tashkent may be showing lots of promise, but it isn't exactly Paris. And while Kiev may be an important capital in Israel's new world order, it will never be on a par with Washington.

Newly appointed ambassadors to any of the many countries that are in the process of establishing ties with Israel may find themselves operating out of hotels for the first weeks or months.

"In Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, people were in hotels for a long time," Mazel says. "These countries did not have buildings for embassies, because there hadn't been any embassies there before."

The first hurdle is countless logistical problems, he says. "You need a 10, 12 or 20-room facility," he says. "You need telephones, faxes, computers, furniture and much more. In some of these countries, it's impossible to find these things."

It's not exactly the cocktail parties and high-level meetings the public may envision when they think of diplomacy, but these are the brass tacks that form the foundation for Israel's new global relations. "We all believe in the importance of what we're doing," Mazel says, "so we are willing to sacrifice to succeed." —(c) JPFS 1993

Rural Israeli basketball team finally comes of age

By NECHEMIA MEYERS

Israel's press is constantly filled with news reports from the Upper Galilee, target of innumerable terrorist rockets and ambushes. Recently the reports, while no less numerous, were on a much happier note: they focused on the delirious celebrations which took place after that region's basketball team won the national championship.

The Upper Galilee victory ended the 23-year reign of Maccabi Tel Aviv, perennial colossus of Israeli basketball. That would have been a notable achievement in any circumstances, but it was nothing short of amazing in view of the fact that the winning team represents a predominantly rural area that lacks even a frac-

tion of the manpower and financial resources available in Tel Aviv, Maccabi's home turf.

When the Upper Galilee team came into being, it was a creature of the kibbutzim, who paid its expenses and provided many of its players. But it soon became clear that if the club was to hold its own in the national basketball league, outside players would have to be imported (some even from the United States), and support would have to be solicited from townspeople in the Galilee.

And, indeed, the team is now as much a representative of urban communities like Kiryat Shmoneh and Metulla as it is of the 50-odd kibbutzim in the Upper Galilee. Moreover, this "basketball union" has led to a significant decline in the antagonism that has long existed between the residents of the region's predominantly

Sephardi towns and its predominantly Ashkenazi collective settlements.

Only in one respect do the kibbutzim still play a dominant role where the team is concerned; they provide the venue—a 2,000-seat hall at Kibbutz Kfar Blum—for all its home games.

I personally find it rather strange that Kfar Blum has become a symbol of topflight basketball, because during my teenage years, it was, for me, a symbol of old-style Zionist pioneering. I belonged to the Habonim Youth Movement and graduates of our movement were among the founding members of Kfar Blum. So when we spoke in awe-struck tones about those who were "rebuilding the homeland," we were referring, first and foremost, to the pioneers at Kfar Blum.

The surviving Kfar Blum founders are not, on the whole, terribly enthusiastic about the basket-

ball craze, which they regard as another example of the headlong Americanization of Israeli life. But their grandchildren, like the kids in nearby Kiryat Shmoneh, know the names and assiduously collect the autographs of team members. Also, youngsters in both places love to sing the Upper Galilee theme song, *The Messiah*, borrowed from the Habad Movement.

Just to balance the picture, it should be pointed out that the kibbutz youngsters not only watch basketball games, but also listen to good music. They have every opportunity to do so, for immediately after the basketball season, Kfar Blum plays host to one of the country's most prestigious chamber music festivals.

The event also draws enthusiastic audiences, but it doesn't hit the headlines.

Features

Canada Centre revitalizes Metulla

Sheldon Kirshner visits the Canada Centre in Metulla and the Phil Granovsky Family Auditorium in Kiryat Shmona.

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

When Yossi Goldberg, the dynamic mayor of Metulla, originally came up with a proposal for a sports and recreational facility here, he was met by a hail of skepticism.

"For whom?" critics asked pointedly, claiming it would be an instant "white elephant."

They had a point. Metulla, Israel's northernmost town, is a small, rather remote settlement on the Lebanese border, with a population of 5,000.

But Goldberg, who was born and raised in this pretty Upper Galilee town, was not deterred. Metulla, he maintained, badly required a first-class sports and recreational centre. "There was nothing like it here. We needed something special so that kids here wouldn't feel different."

Besides, he added, it would stimulate the local economy and bring tourists back to the Galilee panhandle, which had absorbed numerous PLO and Hezbollah terrorist attacks since the early 1970s. "People were avoiding Metulla," he said.

A man of considerable charm and persuasion, Goldberg targeted the Canadian Jewish community in an attempt to turn his vision into a reality. But realizing that he would not be able to build his cherished centre in one fell swoop, Goldberg began his fund-raising campaign by promoting a plan to build a basketball court.

Capitalizing on his friendship with Walter Hess, the late executive vice-president of the United Israel Appeal in Canada, Goldberg convinced UIA to help fund the first stage of his project. It was finished in 1985.

In subsequent campaigns, Goldberg raised monies for an Olympic-size swimming pool, squash courts, a shooting gallery, a sports hall and a skating rink.

In 1991, the entire complex, known as the Canada Centre, was finally completed.

Canada Centre cost \$8 million (U.S.), and according to Goldberg, UIA Canada contributed more than half of this sum. The balance was put up by Metulla and the Israeli government.

The consensus is that Canada Centre has been an unqualified success.

"It's been so successful that a town in the Negev is seriously considering a similar project," said Goldberg, who has been Metulla's mayor since 1978.

Goldberg had projected that the Canada Centre would attract about 500 visitors a day. In actual fact, twice as many persons have used it on a daily basis, and on some days in summer, upwards of 2,500 have poured in.

Last year, one million Israelis and foreigners visited Metulla and environs, compared to 500,000 five years ago, and Goldberg attributes this dramatic increase to the Canada Centre in general and to the ice skating rink in particular.

As a result of the deluge, 160 new bed-and-breakfast rooms have been built in Metulla and an additional 3,000 elsewhere in northern Galilee. In his estimation, the Canada Centre has creat-

ed employment for 100 local residents, including 25 new immigrants from the former Soviet Union.

Canada Centre's chief attraction is the skating arena, the first, and largest, in Israel. "No question about it," said Goldberg.

The ice rink, which measures 20 metres by 30 metres and is named after Walter Hess, has sparked an interest in hockey and figure skating. Among its employees is Boris Drabkin, a 50-year-old ex-Soviet speed skating coach who coaches Israel's figure skating squad. Drabkin immigrated to Israel two years ago, and swept streets in Tel Aviv to make ends meet. Upon meeting him, Goldberg hired him.

Drabkin's charges include fellow Soviet Jews Misha Shmerkin and Costia Kaplan, a couples' skater whose partner is Tamara Rubin, a Montrealer. At this year's men's world figure skating championship in Prague, where Canada took first place, Israel placed 19th out of 44 competitors. Israel plans to send a figure skating team to the winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway.

Team members are perfecting their skills in the Canada Centre. But they'd be far better off if only the rink was bigger. It is one-third the size of a standard rink. "It's terribly overcrowded," lamented Goldberg, who intends to expand it to Olympic dimensions as soon as possible.

The expansion will probably cost \$3 million (U.S.). UIA has pledged \$1 million toward its completion. Goldberg believes that a larger rink will generate a further 40 jobs.

Goldberg's second pet project is a 120-room hotel, which, he hopes, will be built adjacent to the Canada Centre. Currently, only one such hotel operates in the Metulla-panhandle area.

The proposed hotel, he believes, would be patronized by Israeli and foreign vacationers travelling around the Galilee. Metulla is close to major Israeli tourist destinations: Mount Hermon, Israel's only ski resort; the Banias springs on the Golan Heights; the Tanur waterfall; and the Good Fence, which enables some 1,600 residents of Israel's self-declared security zone in southern Lebanon to cross into Israel each day and find employment. Indeed, several Lebanese workers are employed by the Canada Centre.

Within the security zone, directly north of Metulla, Israel is engaged in an unremitting, undeclared war with Palestinian and Lebanese forces. There are firefights almost every day, and occasionally, the Israeli air force bombs targets north of the security zone. The battles rage on, despite two invasions of Lebanon by Israel in 1978 and again in 1982.

Metulla is within range of Katyusha and artillery fire. Goldberg's office, which is adorned by a stylized sculpture fashioned from Katyusha fragments, is merely 600 metres from the border. From a window in Canada Centre's spacious cafeteria, you can see an Israeli bunker, bristling with antennae, in the security zone.

Over the years, Metulla has been bombarded continuously by the PLO and Hezbollah. During the 1991 Gulf War, the Palestinians opened a front on the Lebanese frontier, and approximately 70 rockets fell on Metulla, without caus-

ing damage. In recent years, one resident has been killed by the bombardments. Goldberg's own house took Katyusha hits in 1981, 1982 and 1988.

He thinks about the potential danger all the time. "It's a constant source of tension," he acknowledged.

Much to his relief, the Canada Centre has been spared, at least so far. But no one is taking any chances. In the basement is a bomb shelter.

Goldberg is confident that this cycle of violence will end one day with the outbreak of peace. "A normal life is possible here," he said.

Before the Six Day War, the border was quiet, and Goldberg, 51, recalls that era with some nostalgia. He even remembers the golden years prior to the 1948 War of Independence, when the Israeli-Lebanese frontier was open.

"I have a lot of friends in Lebanon," he said.

Goldberg's father, a Russian Orthodox Jew, immigrated to Palestine in 1882, and settled in Metulla in 1896, a decade after its founding. His family still has land holdings across the border.

A Likud member of the Knesset from 1988 to 1992, Goldberg is sure that Metulla will become a major tourist resort once Israel and its Arab adversaries sign a peace treaty.

In spite of his yearnings for peace, Goldberg opposes an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. "I don't trust Assad," he said, referring to Syria's paramount ruler, Hafez al-Assad.

He knows that Syria holds the key to an Israeli-Lebanese peace accord. Nevertheless, he is unwilling to give up the Golan Heights.

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Kiryat Shmona, a development town with a population of 21,000, lies a few kilometres south of Metulla. Inhabited mainly by Sephardi Jews, it's a drab, out-of-the-way place which has often borne the brunt of Katyushas.

Arguably, Kiryat Shmona's most attractive building is the Phil Granovsky Family Auditorium, which bears the name of its Toronto benefactor, a UIA contributor.

The white marble-clad structure, which was constructed at a cost of \$1.6 million (U.S.) in 1989, has filled a vacuum, said its director, Eli Rhoda, an Iraqi Jew who has lived in Kiryat Shmona nearly all his life.

The town had lacked a cultural centre, and the sole movie theatre had gone out of business, leaving Kiryat Shmona in dire straits.

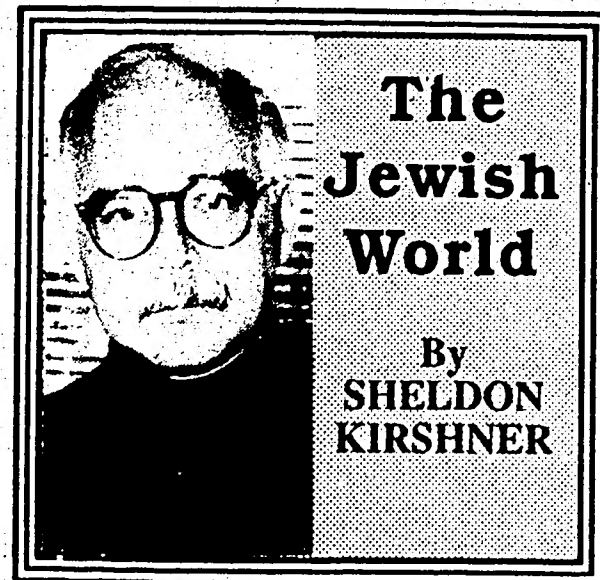
Granovsky recognized the problem immediately, and, together with the Israeli government, channelled funds to the project.

"There was a crying need for a cultural centre," said Rhoda.

The auditorium, with its 730 seats, screens the latest Hollywood films and is the venue of concerts, plays, art exhibits, special holiday fetes and Independence Day celebrations.

"It has had a significant impact on our town," said Rhoda. "Before, people looking for cultural nourishment had to drive to Carmiel, 60 or 70 kilometres away."

And more practically, he noted, the auditorium has created three fulltime and 10 part-time jobs, no small matter in a town which suffers from chronic unemployment.



The Jewish World

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

I have never been to the ghetto in Venice, Italy, purportedly the first in Europe (1516). But after leafing through the pages of *The Venetian Ghetto* (Rizzoli, \$50 U.S.), I feel as if I had walked its byways and seen its sights.

As coffee-table books go, this one is in a class all by itself. It is truly special. The text, written by Roberta Curiel and Bernard Dov Cooperman, is erudite and lucid. And Graziano Arici's color photographs of weathered, though stately, buildings and synagogue exteriors and interiors are simply stunning.

Cooperman, a professor of Jewish studies at the University of Maryland, argues that the ghetto is a study in paradox, its high walls denoting both intolerance and tolerance. Before the French Revolution and the emancipation of Italian Jewry in the 19th century, the ghetto was a monument to the residual power of Christian anti-Semitism and xenophobia. Conversely, ghettoization represented something of a concession, since most Western Europe countries and principalities had expelled its Jews altogether by 1516. (The expulsion of Jews in England, France, Spain and Portugal took place in 1290, 1306, 1492 and 1497, respectively.)

In herding the Jews into a ghetto, the Venetians were following old precedents. During the medieval era, Jews in many parts of Europe had requested, and been granted, separate streets or quarters. This was a defensive rather than an exclusionary arrangement. But by the 12th century, under the baneful influence of the Third Lateran Council, the nature of these quarters had begun to change as the church enforced the social segregation of Jews.

Venetian Jewry did not take kindly to being penned up, but for three centuries the ghetto was their crowded home. It was a diverse community, consisting of Italian, German, Levantine, French, Greek and North African Jews, and they lived in what came to resemble an assemblage of "skyscrapers." Because space was at a premium, further floors were continually added, until some buildings had as many as eight stories. Sometimes, these structures collapsed, with the resultant loss of life.

Venetian ghetto study in paradox

The ghetto was finished in 1589, but in 1633, 20 more buildings were erected, and this area became known as the *ghetto nuovissimo*, or new ghetto.

At the end of the 18th century, French forces invaded Venice. In the new "world order" ushered in by the French Revolution, there was no room for something as anachronistic as a ghetto. And so, in July 1797, the ghetto was abolished and a "liberty tree" was planted in what had been its central courtyard. To this day, the ghetto is inhabited by Jews. But within its somewhat claustrophobic confines, they have become a minority.

The splendid interiors of five synagogues constitute the centrepiece of *The Venetian Ghetto*. They are the Scuola Grande Spagnola, the Scuola Grande Tedesca, the Scuola Canton, the Scuola Levantina and the Scuola Italiana. All are hidden away behind typical Venetian facades. Curiel, the curator of the Museum of Jewish Art, provides a tour of the premises.

As well, Curiel gives us a tantalizing glimpse of the treasures found in his museum. There are kiddush cups, Sabbath candlesticks, oil lamps, perfume boxes, ram's horns, Chanukah lamps, amulets, menorahs, Torah scrolls, marriage contracts, sliding wall panels, silk vestments and bibles, among other items.

The excellent photographic tour d'horizon of the ghetto compensates for the rather steep price of the book.

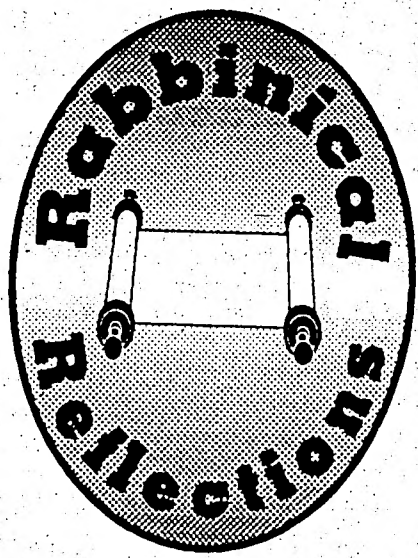
We see crumbling but quaint tenements connected by wooden bridges, sun-lit squares, clothes lines with laundry hanging out to dry, the gloomy entrance to the new ghetto, an elderly woman attending to a plant on a window sill, the narrow staircases of a multi-storied dwelling, a mossy tombstone in the Jewish cemetery and, of course, the synagogues.

It's a remarkably revealing journey into the heart and soul of a once-reviled place. And if you can't see it first-hand, there is no better substitute than *The Venetian Ghetto*.



Yossi Goldberg, with the Canada Centre in the foreground. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

Jewish Life



By RABBI AARON LEVINE

This coming week, I will observe the 18th yearzeit of my beloved son Ephraim, alav hashalom. I am writing this article (two weeks in advance) the day after presenting a lecture on the Torah view of When Bad Things Happen To Good People. Most of that lecture will be contained in my forthcoming book, *To Comfort the Bereaved*, which is presently in its final stages of preparation. This very brief article contains one or two thoughts on this subject and ties in with this week's portion of *Pirkei Avos*.

In Mishna 19, we read: "Rabbi Yannai says: It is not within our ability [to understand or explain] the tranquility of the wicked or the afflictions of the righteous."

The great Chofetz Chaim once said: "With faith, there are no questions; without it, there are no answers."

A fundamental aspect of that faith is the notion that there is a life beyond our present existence — a life that is eternal, a life where mere moments of spiritual pleasure far outweigh all of the material pleasures of a lifetime in our earthly existence. (See Michtav M'Eliyahu on Mishne 22 of this week's *Avos*).

As Maimonides says, to try to explain that notion is like trying to explain to a man blind from birth what colors are, or to a man, deaf from birth, what sound is.

But, as Rabbi Gifter explains, we do have some idea, even down here

on the physical earth, of the notion of intangible pleasure and how it is far more powerful than tangible pleasures. There are, for example, feelings such as honor, naches, shame, embarrassment, etc. None of these can be actually tasted, felt, smelled, seen, or heard. They are intangible realities, for which one would forego many or almost any physical pleasure or displeasure in order to obtain them or be spared from them. And if this is true in the physical world, certainly it is true in the world of the spiritual.

Thus, when Moshe asked Hashem, "Show me your ways" (Exodus 33:18), the Talmud explains that Moshe asked, "Why are there righteous people who have it good in life, and righteous who have it bad; wicked people who have it good, and wicked who have it bad?" (Brochos 7a).

As my Rebbe, Rabbi Kronglass, ztz"l, pointed out, Moshe was not troubled at all by the question, "How come there are righteous who suffer and wicked who prosper?" The answer to that is simple. There is this world where even the wicked receive recompense for the good deeds that they have done. They will receive their retribution later. There is the eternal world to come where the righteous will receive their due reward. In this world they are paid retribution for the evil they may have committed.

Last year, before Rosh Hashanah, at the conclusion of a meeting of Bereaved Jewish Parents, a gentleman said: "It is not we who have to ask God for forgiveness, this Yom Kippur; it is He Who has to ask us for forgiveness."

I deeply sympathize with all bereaved and, having been an unfortunate member of this great family, I truly feel a deep empathy for them. And although one is not condemned for uttering statements in grief, we may not castigate the Almighty and demand that He ask us for forgiveness. What we may do, however, is the following. But let me first tell you a story within another story.

I was present over 30 years ago at the bar mitzvah of the son of my re-

vered Rosh HaYeshiva, Rabbi Chaim Mordechai Katz, ztz"l. He began his speech as follows:

"The great gaon, the Sha'agas Aryeh (1695 - 1785), held his last rabbinic post in Metz. All his life until that time he had suffered great poverty. When he was first shown his new home, a beautiful mansion compared to any place he had lived before, he went from room to room admiring the comfortable and spacious living quarters. As he did so, he was observed mumbling some Hebrew words to himself, but no one could hear what he was saying. When he was asked about this he replied:

"There is a verse in Psalms (90:15). Make us happy [O God] as the days You have afflicted us; we have seen bad years. I interpret that to mean that we ask God to give us cause to rejoice according to the measure of affliction that He metes out to us. When I saw this beautiful home I repeated this verse over and over and said: Dear God, all my life You have afflicted me with poverty. Now I beseech You, corresponding to that measure of affliction, afford me a measure of rejoicing, and allow me, with Your blessings, to live the rest of my life in comfort and tranquility."

"In the Holocaust I lost a wife and ten children," continued Rabbi Katz. "My prayer to the Almighty is that He will allow me to rejoice with this son and my other children in corresponding measure to the pain and affliction which He decreed upon me."

After the loss of my son, Ephraim, I have echoed these sentiments many times. This we are permitted to say to the Almighty. "Dear God, I accept Your decrees. Your affliction, without questioning Your inscrutable ways. I do not murmur against the wisdom of Your secret ways. You are Dayan Ho'Emes, a true Judge. But please, I beg of You, corresponding to that measure of affliction, bless us with full measure of joy and happiness with the rest of our loved ones, in health and happiness for length of days."

Amein. Keini yehi rotzon!

Orthodox rabbis say no-no to Pepsi

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Pepsi Cola has lost its kosher license from a fervently Orthodox rabbinic authority here, but the soft drink is still deemed kosher by two other Israeli rabbinic authorities.

The fervently Orthodox Eda Haredit kashrut authority recently decided to withdraw its kosher seal of approval because of the soft-drink company's "immodest" advertising campaigns and its sponsorship of Saturday night rock concerts.

The Saturday night concerts, the

rabbis said, led youth to violate the Sabbath by traveling to the concert areas before sundown.

Pepsi has decided to give up the Eda Haredit license without much of a fight, claiming that the rabbinic authority was making unreasonable demands and that the loss of the license would not hurt its business.

Officials of Tempo, the soft drink's local distributor, met with Eda Haredit representatives in an effort to reverse the decision, but to no avail.

Tempo managing director Reuven Avital predicted there would be no impact on sales here. He took pains to stress that the soft drink has kosher licenses from two other religious authorities, one in Holon and one in Netanya, where the company's two plants are located.

He said people observing kashrut laws could still drink Pepsi because it is the only cola company that has opened its doors and disclosed its recipes to rabbinic authorities.



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Organizations and People

New federation head outlines ambitious program



Bernard Ghert (right) accepts gavel from federation outgoing president Jack Chisvin after being elected president. [Graphic Artists photo]

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — The incoming president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto has set out an ambitious program of change for his two-year tenure that began last week.

Bernard Ghert's proposals ran the gamut from creation of a federation-Israel committee to reviewing the structure and mandate of the Board of Jewish Education (BJE) to examining the operations of the endowment fund.

Ghert told the federation's annual meeting that the federation must adapt to keep pace with the current politically, socially and economically volatile era. From a fundraising perspective, the federation must recognize that a shift in wealth is occurring. Its leadership must seek out those who are benefitting from shifting economies and promote the concept of tzedakah (charity) among them.

Organizations like the federation, which rely heavily on annual campaigns, are vulnerable to economic downturns such as are occurring now, Ghert noted.

"We will bring under a new funding development committee the combined operation of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and the Endowment Fund. This committee will set broad policies which will guide this combined operation and its members will be undertaking major fundraising activities."

Ghert, co-chair of the 1993 UJA campaign, said the federation "will work to find a reasonable community solution" to the Jewish Community

Centre's (JCC) debt, estimated at close to \$10 million. The JCC is for many Jews their only contact with the community, he added.

Though the federation has links to Israel through individuals who hold high profile posts in the United Israel Appeal (UIA) and Keren Hayesod, "Toronto needs a local direct institutional relationship to the UIA, the UJA, the Jewish Agency, other generic Israel or Zionist organizations such as the Canadian Zionist Federation and... specific Israel based institutions which are represented or fundraise in Toronto," Ghert said.

"This will enhance and better coordinate overall fundraising and help us allocate funding more effectively."

Ghert noted plans are in motion for a mid-summer "one day officers retreat" to "develop a broader community focus so that decisions on priorities and funding will be less institutionally oriented and more aligned with principles of social justice and continuity."

He also pointed to two expected reports — one on Jewish continuity, the other on Jewish education — that the federation is awaiting with anticipation.

Changing his focus, Ghert said he wished to "eliminate the underlying suspicions" between the federation and synagogues. "The lay leadership, professional staff and rabbis can be of assistance in the planning and priority setting of the community," he said. "We need their help. As a first step, we would like to have some rabbinic involvement on federation committees."

Earlier, in his farewell address, outgoing federation president Jack Chisvin recalled the past two years as a period that taxed the community's resolve and resources. He said the federation must continue to act as a broker, attempting to bridge the divide and find a common ground among disparate groups and organizations.

He said the federation must reach out to the synagogues ("that's where the Jews are") and work with them to help enhance Jewish life.

Chisvin said his worst nightmare as president was that the federation would become insolvent. He predicted that in the future, more community enterprises would have to be funded through endowments as opposed to annual campaigns.

A similar prediction was delivered by Herb Rosenfeld, recipient of the Ben Sadowski Award of Merit.

Rosenfeld, a former federation president, said basic services that are offered by agencies associated with the federation should be endowed and not subject to the vagaries of the annual campaign.

Other recipients of federation awards included Judy Engel and Brian Lass, who received Leadership Development Awards. The Shem Tov Awards were presented to Hy Eiley, chair of the board of the Reena Foundation; Robert Engel, chair of the Holocaust remembrance committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Judy Libman, former chair and president of the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living; and Francie Storm, president from 1991-93 of Jewish Family & Child Service.

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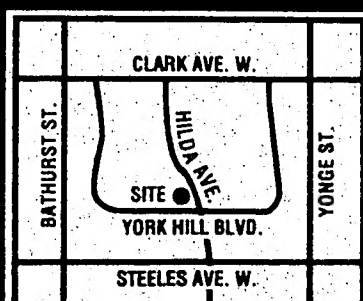
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Russia's 'stability' seen hurting refugee claims

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — The rejection rate of Jews from the former Soviet Union seeking refugee status in Canada will rise unless the Jewish community can convince Ottawa to allow them to stay on humanitarian grounds.

That was the warning issued by Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) Toronto at the recent annual meeting of JIAS Canada.

As things stand now, one-third of all Jews from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) arriving in Canada as refugees have completed the full claimant process. Of those, 70 percent have been successful.

That's compared to the overall refugee claimant success rate in Canada of 57 percent.

As conditions in the CIS continue to 'regularize,' the feeling among lawyers and JIAS staff is that the rejection rate of Soviets will increase to the na-

tional level or lower," said JIAS Toronto chair Gary Diamond.

In other words, the more stable Russia becomes, the harder it is for Jews to claim persecution and refugee status.

"Those rejected will face eventual deportation unless JIAS and the Jewish community can effectively lobby the minister of immigration to find alternative solutions on humanitarian grounds," Diamond added.

CIS Jews claiming refugee status here made up 35 percent of JIAS Toronto's caseload in 1992, down from 48 percent in 1991.

Since 1990, 600 Jews from the CIS have arrived in Toronto as refugee claimants. Using JIAS's calculations, roughly 140 of them have been successful in their claims.

Last year, 19 percent of JIAS Toronto's caseload, or 141 cases, involved CIS Jews who approached the agency overseas to inquire about permanent residency in Canada.

JIAS opened 727 new cases

JIAS Toronto last year also helped bring to Canada 30 CIS Jewish refugee claimants via Buffalo, N.Y. but new federal regulations are limiting this route, Diamond pointed out.

In all, JIAS Toronto last year opened 727 new cases, comprising 1,507 individuals. Almost all — 96 percent — were from the CIS.

Family reunification cases comprised 30 percent of the agency's workload in 1992. Local families taking responsibility for relatives has changed JIAS's financial assistance program "from one of heavy subsidy to one of supplementation," Diamond noted. "This change has resulted in our being able to spread

our aid to a larger number of needy families."

JIAS Toronto expected an increase last year in the number of Jews arriving with no relatives — the independents — but the amount dropped to nine percent from 14 percent of the total the year before.

These immigrants must earn their stay by belonging to job categories Canada needs. Diamond said that according to the Immigration Department, those arriving as independents have job opportunities and some money.

"This has not been our experience," Diamond countered. "The [JIAS] staff

have found that many independent immigrants still require months of readjustment; they have little cash to get themselves started; they turn to the social services and JIAS for financial help."

Those 18 and younger have traditionally made up 30 percent of JIAS's cases but last year, the agency says only 25 to 50 students enrolled in Jewish day schools in their first year in Canada.

Six percent, or about 44 cases last year, involved a controversial group: former Soviets who immigrated to Israel and then to Canada.

The average stay in Israel for these emigres is two years and their "uprooting" for the second time has caused problems for the children involved, Diamond said.

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Organizations and People

'Honest' Ed garners laurels at Beth Sholom love-in

By RON CSILLAG

TORONTO — It was an Ed Mirvish love-in. Honest. And Toronto's best-known entrepreneur/theatre impresario basked in it.

The quips were fast and furious but so were the kudos for "Honest" Ed Mirvish, who last week received the Beth Sholom Synagogue Brotherhood's Humanitarian Award.

It was the 42nd time the award was bestowed. Some 550 friends and supporters packed Beth Sholom to hear a gallery of dignitaries poke gentle fun at Mirvish, the 78-year-old Toronto institution whose newest theatre, the Princess of Wales, is the venue for the smash hit *Miss Saigon*.

Joining the honoree and his wife Anne were Ontario Premier Bob Rae, Ontario Associate Chief Justice Roy McMurtry, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Metro Chairman Alan Tonks, York Mayor "Fergie" Brown, Toronto Maple Leafs owner Steve Stavro (last year's Beth Sholom honoree) and CHIN radio owner Johnny Lombardi.

"It's good to pay tribute to anyone whose first name is Honest," quipped Rae, adding, tongue-in-cheek, that the Princess of Wales was built for one-tenth the amount that Toronto's opera house would have cost. Rae axed plans for the opera house just a few weeks into his term. Michael Burgess, who played Jean Valjean in the

Toronto production of *Les Miserables* and will sing the lead in the upcoming *Man of La Mancha*, delivered a stirring rendition of *Hatikva* in English.

The evening was hurried along because of a promised "treat," which turned out to be two more songs by Burgess, both dedicated to a beaming Mirvish.

Greetings were brought by dinner chair Frank Cadesky and Beth Sholom president Norman Talsky. Sisterhood president Sandra Parl presented a gift to Anne Mirvish.

Chaim Waxman, Israel's vice-consul in Toronto, brought greetings on behalf of the state of Israel.

Irving Ungerman and Mendel Green were dinner co-chairs.

Mirvish, whose name lights up a good stretch of King Street West, was praised for his many humanitarian deeds over the years and for his business acumen.

His theatres include the Royal Alexandra, the Princess of Wales and the Old Vic in London, England. Mirvish was made a Commander of the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth for having restored the Old Vic.

In his remarks, the honoree reminded the audience that his autobiography is due out this fall and said he's inviting everyone to his outdoor birthday bash on July 25, to be held in Mirvish Village, adjacent to his landmark bargain emporium, Honest Ed's.

"If it rains," he was quick to add, "you can always go into Honest Ed's and shop."



From left, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Metro Chairman Alan Tonks, actor Al Waxman, Anne and Ed Mirvish and York Mayor "Fergie" Brown at last week's Beth Sholom bash. [Ron Csillag photo]

Hockey body splits division

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Israel and a host of other up-and-coming hockey countries got a big break from the International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) recently when the sport's governing body decided to split Division C into two groupings.

The change means that Israel will not have to compete next year in lopsided matches against hockey powerhouses like Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan, but will be placed in a grouping with teams of more or less the same calibre.

It also means that Israel will not have to re-qualify for next year's IIHF tournament as had been previously expected in the wake of its 0-5 showing at the Division C competition in Bled, Slovenia last March.

Israel will be grouped along with countries of similar calibre while better teams, mostly from Eastern Europe, will form their own grouping within C Division.

Next March, Israel will compete in the C2 pool against South Africa, Spain, Belgium, South Korea, Australia and the winner of a qualifying tournament between Greece, Turkey and Croatia, as well as the winner of a Lithuania/Estonia competition.

The C1 pool will include former Soviet powerhouses like Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Belarus, as well as Slovakia (the eastern part of what used to be Czechoslovakia), Slovenia, Hungary, Bulgaria and North Korea.

Lopsided games

This season's Division C tournament featured lopsided games involving Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Latvia and lesser teams like Israel, Australia, South Africa and Belgium.

Paul Shindman, head of the Israel Ice Hockey and Figure Skating Association, attended the IIHF's meeting in Munich during the recent world championships, where he offered suggestions at revamping the federation's division structure to make it more competitive. In the end, the IIHF opted for two eight-team groupings.

Next year's Division C tournament will likely be held in either South Africa or Spain.

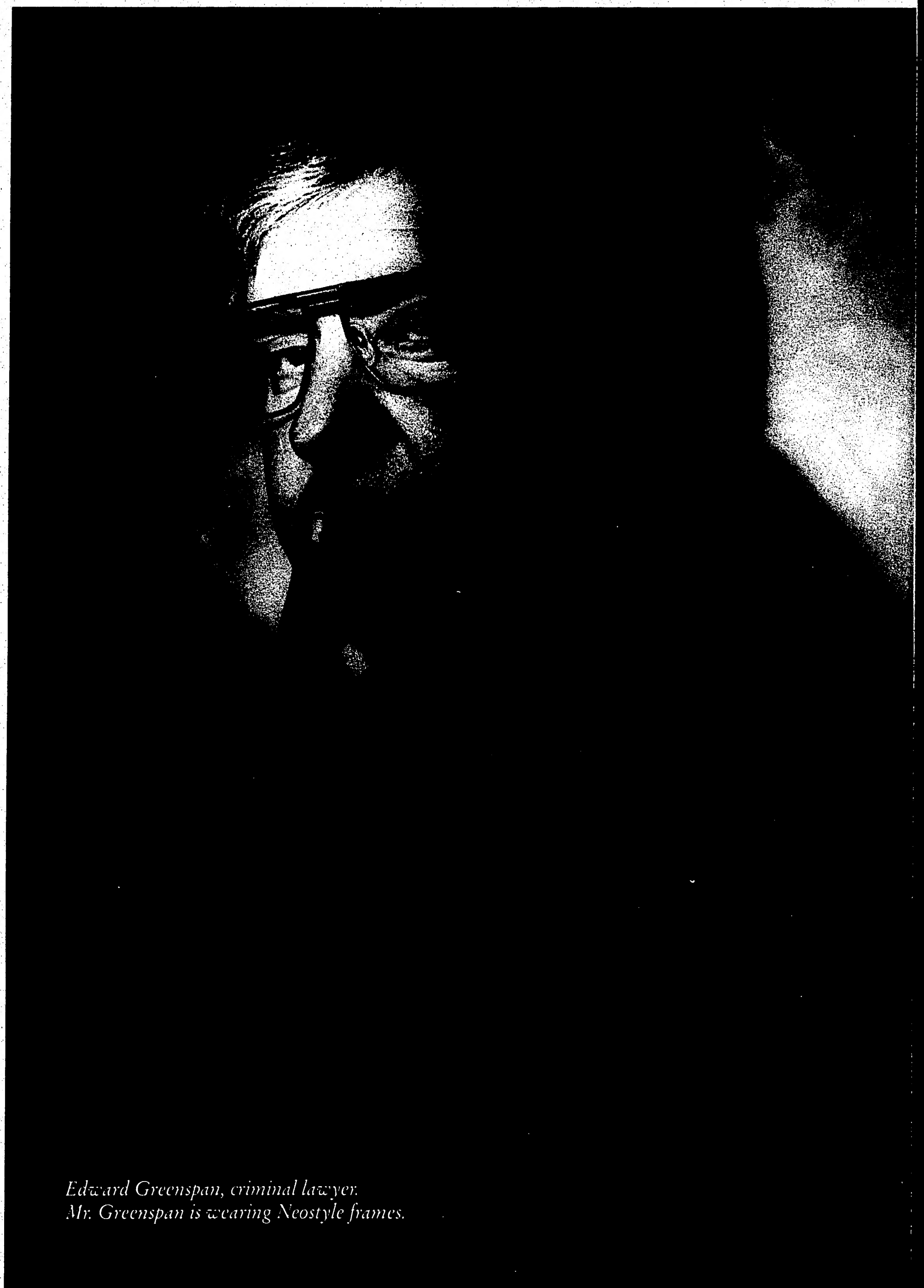
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Two of the younger members of the Israeli national hockey team will be in Toronto later this summer to attend hockey camps to help develop their skills.

Ran Oz and Assaf Evron, both 16, are scheduled to arrive during the first week of August. While accommodations have been arranged for Oz, supporters of the national team are asking for assistance in billeting Evron for a period of up to three weeks.

Other Israeli national team members are hoping to attend hockey camps in Toronto, though nothing definite has been announced yet.

Anyone interested in helping the young Israeli skaters can contact Oded Orgil at 881-3597 or Gideon Lee at 512-6660.



Edward Greenspan, criminal lawyer.
Mr. Greenspan is wearing Neostyle frames.

Organizations and People

Jewish students tops in math contest

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — Two Jewish students at North York's Cumber Valley Middle School were among this year's Canadian National Mathematics League Contest award winners.

Daniel Jacobs, 12, was part of the Grade 7 team, which placed first in Canada among 605 schools in the University of Windsor-sponsored contest.

Miriam Hambourg, 14, was the only girl on the Grade 8 team, which finished second in On-

tario and sixth in Canada. A total of 566 schools took part in the Grade 8 contest.

Daniel, who is in the gifted program, balances his academic studies with softball, swimming, at which he hopes to eventually compete, and even origami. He attends Hebrew school at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, where he will celebrate his bar mitzvah in the fall.

Math is Daniel's favorite subject, and he thinks he might some day enjoy a career in computer technology. Daniel is the son of Jeffrey

and Renata Jacobs.

Miriam, like Daniel, is in the gifted program and said that the contest was "not really hard." She would advise other girls her age not to say they can't [do math], because that would mean following a stereotype. She is one of seven girls in her math class, out of a total of 18 students.

Miriam's ability in math is complemented by an artistic bent. She is involved in a theatre group called the Yonge Street Players, where she has been taking classes for the past year. She also plays clarinet in the school's senior band.

Miriam had a taste of university last summer when she attended a program run for youngsters by the University of Manitoba. When asked about future plans, she says she would like to be involved in theatre or possibly law. Miriam is the daughter of Myron and Sandra Hambourg.

"We're proud of these students, but it speaks well of all our students and teachers and the emphasis they place on mathematics," says Cumber Valley's vice-principal Anne Gomme.

Mathematics and literacy are the top priorities of the North York Board of Education, according to a recent news release of the board.



Math whizzes Daniel Jacobs and Miriam Hambourg pose next to the plaque their school received for its standing in a nationwide math contest.

Nadler elected president of OJC

KELOWNA, B.C. — Anita Nadler has been elected president of the Okanagan Jewish Community (OJC).

Formerly of Calgary, Nadler, a professional singer, actress and entertainer, moved here seven years ago and has been actively involved in Jewish community activities. She coordinated the successful "roasts" held for former presidents Mel Kotler and Robert Levin and starred in a successful fundraising concert two years ago.

At the recent annual meeting of the OJC, it

was reported that with the funds raised from the Robert Levin roast last month, and a bazaar, the new community centre is now mortgage free.

Other officers elected were: vice-president, programming, Alvin Lander; vice-president, building, Larry Teal; treasurer, Benson Win-cure; secretary, Barb Pullan; board member at large, Dr. Michael Golbey; community/newsletter, Dr. Steven Finkleman; sunshine lady, Ruth Finkleman; immediate past president, Mel Kotler.

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ideas. And if we prohibit a Zundel's right
to express bad ideas then we may stop
other people from expressing good ideas.*

*It's a slippery slope that I think is
much too dangerous in a free society.*

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Winnipeg youth reaches top in math contest

By MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate (JWC) has produced another provincial mathematics champion. Boaz Leven, a Grade 8 student, tied for first place in Manitoba in a field of 2,000 students in his age group, in the Canadian Mathematics League Contest. His outstanding performance of 37 correct answers out of 40 questions also earned him 16th place in Canada as a whole among 20,000 students competing and he made the Canadian Honor Roll Team.

Leven's results are nothing new to Joseph Wolinsky though. He follows in the tradition of previous Joseph Wolinsky mathematics standouts including Philip Reiss, who was a Canadian champion in the mid-1980s (and who turned down a chance to be on the Canadian Mathematics Olympiad Team because it would have conflicted with Shabbat) and Lewis Targownik who was a Manitoba champion two years ago.

The Winnipeg Jewish high school has had a strong math program, under the direction of teacher Lil Zentnor, for several years. Leven and his fellow students trained for the math competition by reviewing test questions from previous contests. As well, Leven is one of eight Grade 8 students at the school and 10 Grade 7 students enrolled in a special, three-year-old math enrichment program for mathematics gifted students. Students have to pass entrance exams to get into the program.

Although Leven was the school's star entrant in the math competitions, several others also placed in the top 25 percent for Canada as a whole and the Grade 7 team finished third in the province.

Then there is Grade 10 student David Shulman, one of two JWC students the staff selected to a contest held in conjunction with the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics regional convention that was held in Winnipeg in May. Shulman finished second in a field of 25 of the best math students in Winnipeg.

IULA congress held

TORONTO — Twenty-seven Israeli civic officials are in Toronto this week for the 31st World Congress of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA).

More than 1,000 delegates from 70 countries are in town for the five-day conference, which is addressing matters of common concern to municipalities.

Under discussion are waste and urban environmental management, water supply, the economy, self-government, municipal planning and the overall well-being of communities.

The mayors of Toronto and Montreal are delivering keynote speeches.

Most of the Israeli representatives are members of the Union of Regional Councils of Israel (Merkaz Hashilton Hamekomi Be-Israel), an umbrella organization for municipal and regional councils.

The mayors of the Israeli towns of Nes Ziona, Iloul, Ramat-Hasharon and Hatzrot-Yossef are attending, as is the deputy mayor of Ma'alot.

Organizations and People

Canadian Briefs

Hadassah-WIZO anniversary

BRANTFORD — Hadassah-WIZO Sharon Chapter of Brantford held its first regular meeting on January 20, 1918. It was the third Hadassah-WIZO chapter to be officially registered in Canada.

There were 32 members then. Today the chapter has 39 and as guest speaker Lily Frank remarked amid laughter at the recent luncheon at the Brantford Holiday Inn celebrating the chapter's 75th anniversary, "you have really grown!"

But never mind the numbers. What is remarkable is that this small group of women has a long record of outstanding service to the organization.

"All one can say is 'Kol Hakavod' in every sense," said Frank, the executive vice-president of Canadian Hadassah-WIZO. "You are really a fantastic community."

Frank was impressed that the chapter could raise so much money in a small community like Brantford, even during a recession.

The luncheon also marked the start of Brantford's Youth Aliyah campaign, the chapter's 60th.

Selections from the musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat* were performed by the intermediate choir of the Ross MacDonald School for the Visually Impaired in Brantford. The 40 guests were moved to tears.

— Moura Wolpert

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Jerusalem Caravan returns

TORONTO — This year's Jerusalem Pavilion at Caravan, Toronto's annual international festival held in late June, will feature exhibits including Jerusalem's Old City Walls and David's Citadel, a Dead Sea mud bath, and even a camel, thanks to the Israel Government Tourist Office.

The pavilion, sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada at the downtown Jewish Community Centre, will have daily entertainment by the Jerusalem Dancers under creative director Rivka Atzmony and the Ne'imot Singers led by musical director Doron Ophir. A rooftop garden will feature a daily cabaret show with Bryna Brudner and Ted Labov.

Kosher Israeli delicacies and a traditional shuk (marketplace) can also be found at the pavilion.

Caravan celebrates its 25th anniversary this year with 42 pavilions located across Toronto representing cities from all over the world.

Caravan runs from Friday, June 18 to Saturday, June 26. The Jerusalem Pavilion opens on Saturday, June 19, motzei Shabbat until 1 a.m. Sunday hours are 3 to 11 p.m.; Monday to Thursday, 6 to 11 p.m. The pavilion will be closed on Friday, June 25, and will re-open Saturday, June 26, motzei Shabbat to 1 a.m.

Caravan passports may be obtained from B'nai Brith Canada, 416-633-6224 or at any pavilion during the festival. Passports are \$14. Children 12 and under are free. Children 12 and under are free.

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Canada Medal winners

TORONTO — A large group of Toronto Jews, active in politics, public affairs, community work and the arts, are among 65 winners of the Canada Medal, commemorative of the 125th anniversary of Confederation.

Frank Shuster, the well-known comedian, and Corinne Copnick, writer and actress, were winners from the art world.

The medals were presented by Governor General Ray Hnatyshyn at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, and the recipients were introduced by Ontario Lt.-Gov. Henry Jackman and Barbara McDougall, minister of external affairs.

Other medal winners were Linda Bergman, Ron Biderman, Wendy Eisen, Ralph Fisher, Al Glazer, Marilyn Glick, Eddie Goodman, Harry Hochman, Howard Levine, Michael Lipton, Janet Rosenberg, Joan Silver and Marsha Slavens.

— Ben Rose

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Jewish genealogy seminar

TORONTO — A four-day international seminar on Jewish genealogy is due to unfold at Toronto Park Plaza Hotel June 27 through 30.

Featuring a diverse range of lectures, discussion groups, computer workshops and excursions, the 12th Annual International Summer Seminar on Jewish Genealogy is attracting delegates and speakers from Russia, Israel, England and many cities across North America.

The keynote speakers are Alexander and Katerina Krinick, president and vice-president respectively of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Moscow. Other speakers include Rabbi Malcolm Stern, Gary Mokotoff, Sallyann Sack, Stephen Speisman, Daniel Schlyter and Jack Kugelmann.

In keeping with the conference theme — Pathways through Many Lands — fresh sources of information from republics of the former Soviet Union will be explored.

The seminar, which starts with a beginners' workshop

and ends with a gala banquet, is aimed at novice as well as advanced researching. For further information and to receive a registration kit, telephone the Summer Seminar Hotline at (416) 533-5825.

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Halifax teacher honored

HALIFAX — At the beginning of an evening of tribute to Halifax music director, producer and teacher Shirley Burnstein, her life-long friend and master of ceremonies Anne Newman said it would be an uplifting experience.

After almost two hours of words, music and film, those people crowded into Beth Israel Synagogue's social hall walked away with a warmth and glow that speaker after speaker suggested was indicative of Burnstein's contribution to community life.

Burnstein was honored by Halifax Women's ORT last month for the countless hours she has given to the Jewish and secular communities. Through donations received in her honor ORT will provide two scholarships to ORT-sponsored schools in Israel.

She is presently employed by Northwood Multi-Purpose Centre in Halifax where she assists seniors in arranging musical productions that draw out their many talents. But it was for her humanitarian work that she was honored.

Guest speaker Aviva Raz-Shechter, Israel's vice-consul to Canada, said the music at Burnstein's tribute reminded her of her days as a student at the ORT comprehensive high school in Kiryat Bialik.

"The musical training we received was important," she said. "But the ORT school prepared us for more. It has played an important part in developing Israel as a centre for Jewish life for the world."

She said education is preparing Israelis to understand patience, compromise, and other cultures so "when peace comes, we can share our benefits with our neighbors who lack so much in education and wealth."

— Joel Jacobson

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Winnipeg doctor dies

WINNIPEG — Dr. Max Avren, a prominent name in Canadian medical and international sports circles, passed away in Winnipeg on May 20.

Avren grew up in Winnipeg's North End. In his youth in the 1930s, Avren was a leading soccer player on YMHA minor teams and his love of sports never left him. He earned his medical degree in 1952, served in the RCAF during the war, and, as a doctor, continued his association with a variety of sports.

He strode onto the international sporting scene when Winnipeg hosted the Pan American Games in 1967. Avren was one of the people most active in bringing the games to his home town. He was appointed personal physician to Prince Philip during the competition and, as chief medical officer for the event, developed the medical format that was taken up later by the International Olympic Committee.

It was not only in sports medicine however that Avren made his mark. He was founding president of the Canadian College of Family Practice and was instrumental in introducing the life-saving CPR technique to Canada.

For much of the last 20 years, he had made his home in Scottsdale, Arizona, returning to Winnipeg to live three years ago. He married rather late in life and leaves his wife, Peggy, and stepchildren in Scottsdale and Los Angeles.

— Myron Love

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Tel Hashomer reception

TORONTO — "It is better to spend 10 years in negotiations for peace than one year in war," said Israel Consul General Dror Zeigerman at a recent reception for Tel Hashomer Hospital sponsored by the Jewish Community Centre and the Art Gallery of Ontario.

"I believe there will be peace and it will be because of the strength of our army," said Zeigerman. "Thank G-d, we have this army that can defend us."

The evening's event made possible the donation of a hypertension unit for the hemodynamic lab at the hospital, said Vivian Rosenberg, president of Canadian Friends of Tel Hashomer Hospital, also known as the Chaim Sheba Medical Centre. She gave special thanks to Lampeter Investments Ltd. for their support.

Tel Hashomer has a special place in the hearts of the consul general and his wife because their third child was born there.

With 1,500 beds, Tel Hashomer is the largest hospital in the Middle East, Zeigerman said, and gained fame for its pioneering surgery and rehabilitation medicine for veterans from the Syrian and Egyptian fronts in the Yom Kippur War.

The Canadian Friends has provided \$1 million worth of medical resources for Tel Hashomer, Rosenberg said. This includes incubators for newborn infants, arthroscopic equipment, hi-tech lasers for ophthalmology, a chair in nuclear medicine and three rooms in the cardiac department. The latter was financed through a \$100,000 contribution from the Farband of Lithuanian Jews of Toronto.

Four short films from the Yiddish Film Festival, Between Two Worlds, concluded the evening.

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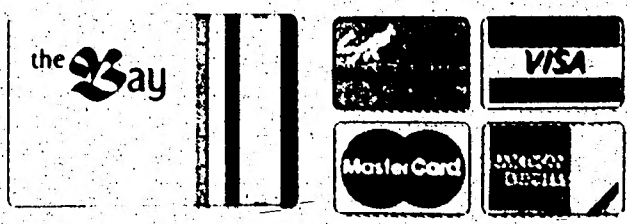
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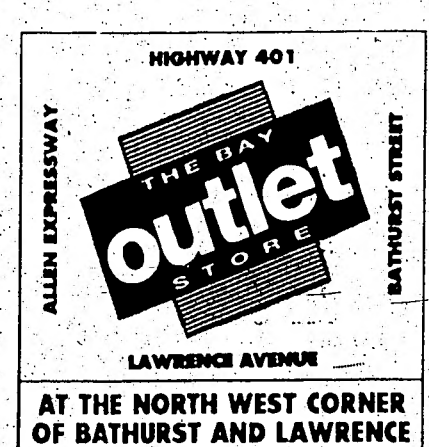
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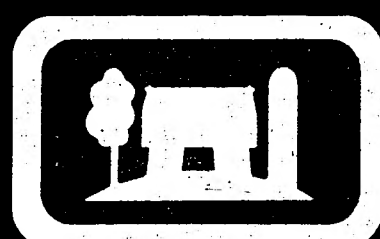
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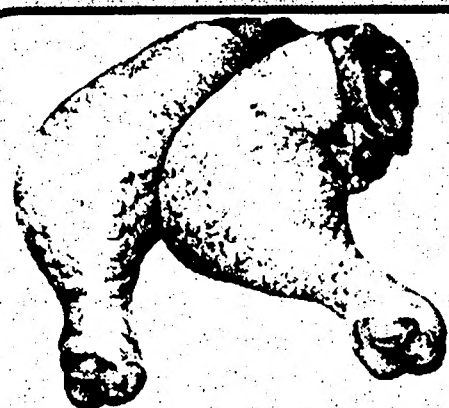
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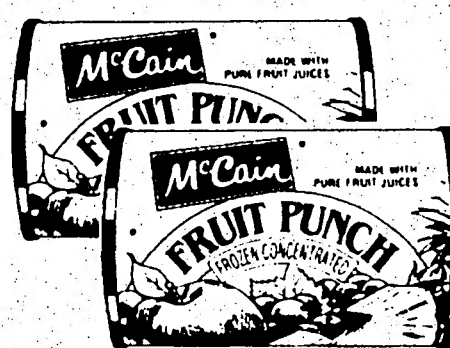
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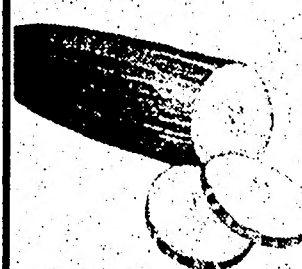
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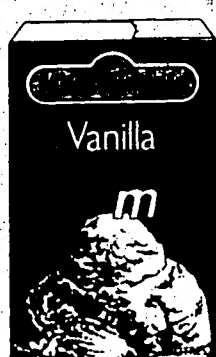
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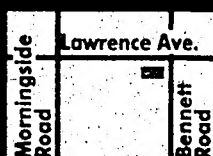
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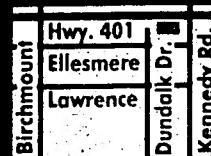
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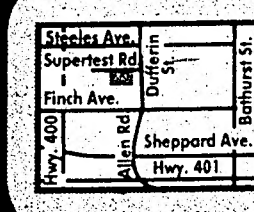
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Israeli doctor shares research during exchange program

By FRANCES KRAFT

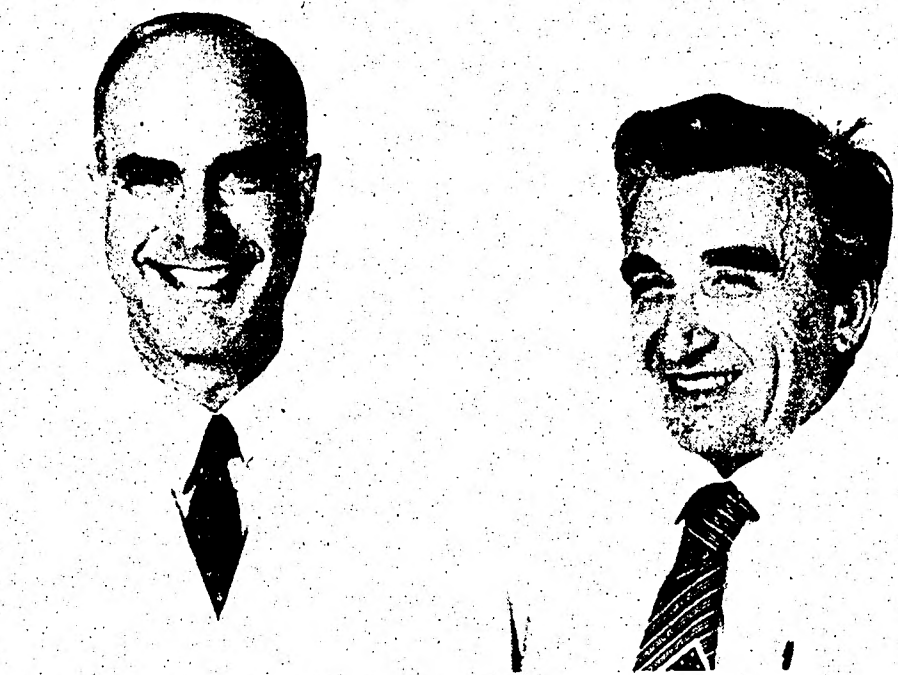
TORONTO — Dr. Gabriel Cividalli of Jerusalem's Hadassah University Hospital recently completed a three-week stint as visiting professor as part of an exchange program with the Hospital for Sick Children.

Cividalli, who is chief of pediatric hematology-oncology at Hadassah, was invited to Toronto by Dr. Melvin Freedman, chief of hematology at the Hospital for Sick Children, to share the results of his clinical research into bone marrow transplantation and related treatment for childhood cancer. The Israeli hospital, which is the only one in the country with facilities for bone marrow transplants, is especially known for its good results in treating childhood neuroblastoma, said Freedman.

Cividalli, in turn, was struck by the emphasis placed here on addressing the emotional needs of young cancer patients and their families. For him that is "the most important part" of what he learned in Toronto.

Cividalli is president of Zichron Menachem, an Orthodox Jewish organization established by the parents of a leukemia patient of his who died four years ago at the age of 16. Cividalli had treated him for 14 years.

The non-profit organization is dedicated to helping children with cancer and their families in as many ways as possible, Cividalli told *The C.J.N.* Their summer camp registration rose from 20 to 67 children in one year.



Dr. Gabriel Cividalli (right) is shown with Dr. Melvin Freedman, chief of hematology at the Hospital for Sick Children, during a recent stay in Toronto as part of an exchange program between the University of Toronto and Hebrew University.

he reports, and establishing a Ronald McDonald-type house for parents of children with cancer is a current project well under way in Jerusalem.

Other projects have included a Purim party and a trip from Eilat to Jerusalem. Such programs are "much more developed here," said Cividalli.

Cividalli's affiliation with Hadassah dates back almost 30 years to the beginning of his medical career. He has also spent time as a researcher at the Weizmann Institute of Science, and did a fellowship in hematology at Harvard University in Boston.

Cividalli, who was born in Florence, Italy, did his medical training in Israel, where he had settled as a child. His family, like many Italian Jews, had fled their home in the late 1930s to escape Mussolini's Italy.

While Cividalli was in Toronto, Dr. Fred Saunders, head of the Hospital for Sick Children's bone marrow transplantation program, completed this year's exchange in Israel. Funding for the Hematology Exchange Program has been provided since its inception in 1985 by the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

Baycrest Centre holds forum on depression's effects on seniors

By RUTH SCHWEITZER

TORONTO — Depression may be more common among baby boomers than seniors, but the consequences of the illness can be devastating for those over 65 as it can lead to premature institutionalization, said Dr. Allan Steingart, the co-ordinator of Baycrest Centre's Psychiatric Day Hospital for Depression.

Steingart said that out of over 300,000 Canadian seniors suffering from depression only 10 percent are getting help. He was speaking at a public forum called Beyond the Blues held at Baycrest Centre's Jewish Hospital for the Aged.

An endowment fund for research on depression is currently being established at Baycrest. The Geriatric Depression Research Project will enable researchers to investigate the diagnosis, the treatment and the cause of depression in the elderly.

Among the causes of depression are bereavement, loneliness, poor health, stress and genetics. Strokes, Parkinson's Disease and some types of cancer are associated with depression. "Depression is sometimes the first sign of certain kinds of cancer," said Steingart.

Depression is common among people with Alzheimer's Disease, according to Dr. David Conn, the director of Baycrest's psychiatric department and the host of the forum. He said studies show 20 percent of those with Alzheimer's become depressed at some point, adding that the symptoms of Alzheimer's and depression overlap. As a person with Alzheimer's may be unable to talk, he says depression is more difficult to diagnose and is probably often missed.

Depression affects appetite, concentration, sleep and can bring on thoughts of suicide, Steingart said anyone who talks about committing suicide, particularly seniors, ought to be taken seriously. "Older people in general are more likely to succeed in committing suicide and use more lethal methods."

He said bipolar illness, also known as manic-depression, can strike later in life. The condition has a manic phase in which such symptoms as euphoria, decreased need for sleep, talkativeness and uncalculated risk-taking arise.

"People who have a lifelong history of illness, especially bipolar ill-

ness, have a roller-coaster life. It is very difficult to deal with someone who has this illness for family and friends."

A combination of psychotherapy and anti-depressants effectively treats depression in most cases, Steingart said. Both methods of treatment, however, are viewed skeptically by some members of the public.

There is a stigma attached to seeing a psychiatrist, he said, especially for this generation of seniors. "When you were young, they couldn't do much for you, [except] lock you up."

The negative attitude towards anti-depressants, he said, is shown by a recent study in which 90 percent of those surveyed said they would be willing to take an antibiotic, while only 30 percent expressed willingness to take an anti-depressant.

He said all evidence shows anti-depressants, including the controversial drug Prozac, are safe. "When people suffer recurrent depressions, then benefits outweigh risks." The side effects of the medication, he added, including constipation, dry mouth and blurred vision, are a nuisance rather than a hazard.

School choices up in York Region

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

The choice of Jewish schools in York Region is expanding along with the population.

Eitz Chaim School (764-6633), an Orthodox day school, is now in its seventh year at 80 York Hill Blvd. Enrolment includes a mixed boy and girl pre-school and an all-girl program in the grade school which runs until Grade 6.

The school, which is one of three branches in Toronto specializes in Hebrew and general studies.

Temple Har Zion Religious School (889-2252), at 7360 Bayview Ave., is a Reform school that provides supplementary education to its members' children. There are approximately 350 students from junior kindergarten to Grade 10.

The Hebrew department is now at Highland Junior High School, while the religious department remains at A.Y. Jackson Secondary School.

Chabad Markham Hebrew School (886-0420), an afternoon Hebrew school, has continued to grow since it opened about four years ago. There are now over 150 students enrolled in kindergarten to Grade 8.

The school, which emphasizes developing pride in being Jewish, teaches a variety of Jewish and Hebrew subjects including a Grade 8 course designed to prepare students for their post bar/bat mitzvah years. Principal is Rabbi Meir Gitlin.

Cheder Chabad (731-7000), a boy's Hebrew day school at 770 Chabad Gate, adds one grade a year and expects to have 120 students from kindergarten to Grade 8 next year.

B'nai Shalom Hebrew School (731-2797), affiliated with the Jewish Board of Education, has about 300 students from kindergarten to Grade 7 attending its classes at York Hill Public School on Hilda Avenue. Classes are held two or three times a week, depending on the grade level.

Curriculum at B'nai Shalom includes Hebrew holidays, prayers, Israel, bible, history, music and Israeli folk dancing. All teachers are qualified. Remedial, enriched and bar/bat mitzvah tutoring is available. The

school also offers a synagogue skills class.

United Congregational Schools has a northern branch operating out of Westminster Public School on Mullen Avenue. Sunday classes are held at either Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am or Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda synagogue. There are about 400 students from kindergarten to Grade 7 and the curriculum includes Hebrew, prayers, Jewish holidays, and Bible studies.

The United Synagogue Day School (770-0642), on Bayview Avenue in Richmond Hill, has about 200 students from kindergarten to Grade 4. The school adds two classes each year and expects to have Grade 5 classes next year.

Ner Israel Yeshiva (731-1124) is a boy's high school located at 8950 Bathurst St. north of Highway 7. It runs from Grade 8 to 13 and currently has about 180 students who study intensive Hebrew and Jewish courses as well as secular studies.

As well as the above sampling of schools already in existence in York Region, several others are planning on opening in the next few years.

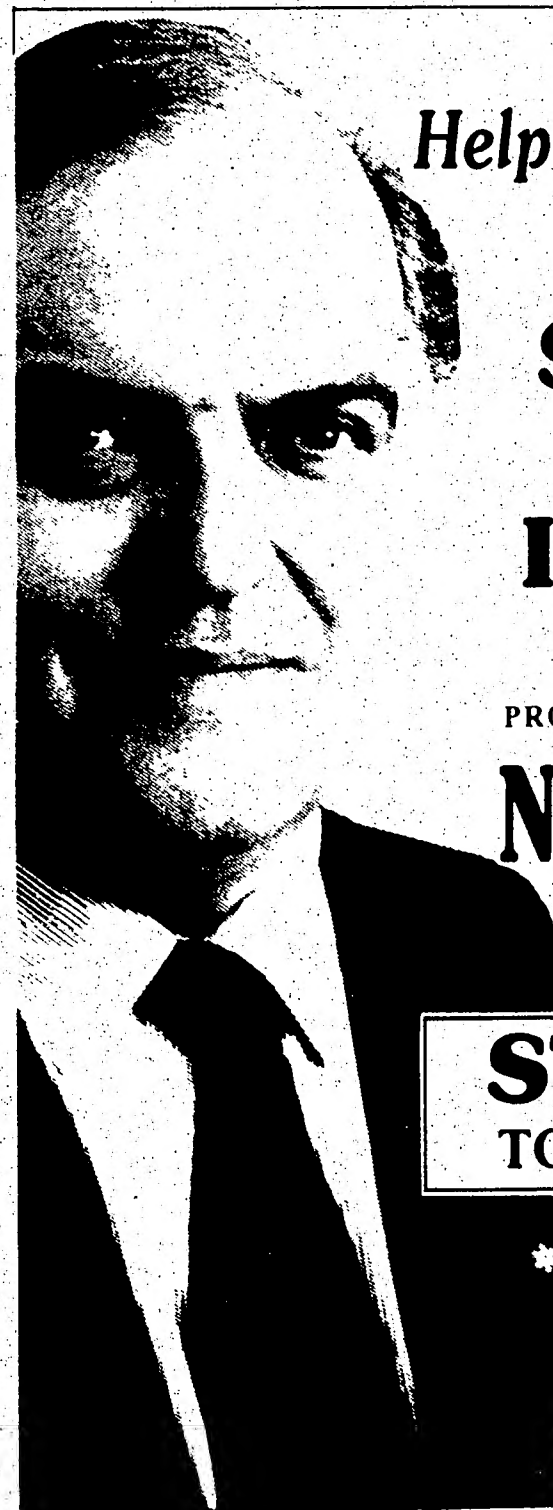
Leo Baeck (222-9220), new school, on Atkinson Avenue north of Clark, should be ready for occupation in September 1994. The building, which will cost about \$5 million and be approximately 45,000 square feet, will also be the home of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism.

Netivot HaTorah (636-4050) day school is building its school adjoining Leo Baeck and administrator Alan Steinfeld says he expects it to be ready by September 1993.

The building, at a cost of about \$3.5 million, will be 45,000 square feet and will hold about 325 students from kindergarten to Grade 8.

Rabbi Eliezer Rokack, dean of **Or Haemet Sephardic school** (635-9881), says the school is seeking a donor so its dream of opening at Bathurst and Steeles can be fulfilled.

Associated Hebrew School (789-7471) plans to open its school on Atkinson Avenue at Rosedale Heights by September 1994.



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Organizations and People

Canada Israel Forum launched in Toronto

By FRANCES KRAFT

TORONTO — The Canada Israel Forum is the new kid on the block, organizationally speaking. It differs from its more established counterparts in the Jewish community in that "by and large our goal is not to raise money although a little fundraising is inevitable. Our goal is to go and do things."

So says Loretta Helman, the Toronto career and human resources management consultant who proved how effective that approach can be when she organized a volunteer program in Israel last summer. The pilot project, called Yad BeYad (Hand in Hand) consisted of two two-week sessions during which Toronto volunteers taught English to Russian olim.

Yad BeYad was run under the auspices of the Israeli Forum, a group in Israel dedicated to developing bonds between Israelis and Diaspora Jews. In-

spired by the success of Yad BeYad and her new contacts in the Israeli Forum, Helman became convinced that Toronto was ripe for its own Forum. Although there is a United States-based North American Forum, membership is spread over a wide geographic area with few Canadian members. Helman told *The CJN*.

She invited Igal Brightman, chair of the Israeli Forum, to speak to a group of about 50 people in Toronto this past winter. "He got our interest going," Helman says, and the Canada Israel Forum was established in December. A number of meetings followed, leading up to the group's first official function, was held at the end of May at Baycrest Terrace. Guest speaker Shira Herzog, vice-chair, Canada Israel Committee, had discussed Israel-Diaspora relations — Bridging the Differences, Creating the Bonds.

Helen Daniels, who is known in the

Toronto Jewish community for her involvement with organizations such as Canadian Jewish Congress, is a supporter of the new Forum. She feels that its appeal lies in the lack of bureaucracy inherent in a brand-new group as well as in the idea that members can help Israel in a direct way.

She cautions, however, that other organizations have "huge [financial] needs which cannot afford to be ignored." Daniels stressed that Forum activities should be viewed as an adjunct to, not a substitute for, giving to UJA or other charities within the organized community.

Yad BeYad, which spawned the Canada Israel Forum, is now its first project. It has grown from 20 volunteers in one location (Kfar Saba) last year to 50 volunteers in three locations, as well as a business English course. Helman will also train an offshoot



Loretta Helman

group leaving from Cleveland.

The Canada Israel Forum has approximately 50 members, independent

of the Yad BeYad volunteers. The Forum's mandate includes working together with The Israeli Forum, the North American Jewish Forum and the European Jewish Forum to support international conferences including the Conference of Jewish Members of Parliament (to apprise them of Israeli political issues), youth programs and community projects.

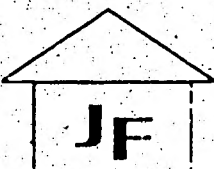
Michelle Shulman, a 24-year-old MBA student at York University who is working on a young adult committee of the Forum, has found that the group filled a gap for her after completing her undergraduate degree. A former director of Network Canada, the Canadian arm of World Union of Jewish Students, she found herself at loose ends in terms of community involvement once that affiliation ended.

For further information about the Canada Israel Forum or Yad BeYad, contact Loretta Helman at 782-2898.

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Peel school board reassigns Paul Fromm

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Paul Fromm, the controversial Mississauga teacher with links to white supremacist groups, has been removed from his position as a high school teacher and reassigned to adult education classes.

The move, which takes effect on Sept. 1, comes in the wake of an extensive report and supplementary study by Toronto lawyer Jeff Cowan, who outlined Fromm's associations with racist organizations.

Cowan concluded in part that the controversy generated by Fromm's extremist associations have poisoned the atmosphere at Applewood Heights Secondary School.

In announcing Fromm's reassignment, the teacher's employer, the Peel Board of Education, said his activities outside the classroom "indicate disrespect for the principles of multiculturalism and ethnocultural equity, which are fundamental values of the education system and the Peel Board of Education."

William Kent, chair of the Peel board, said the board considered firing Fromm, an action urged by Canadian Jewish Congress and the Native Canadian Centre (NCC), but the board's lawyers advised they would not have a sustainable case.

He told *The C/N* that Fromm's notoriety created "a great deal of tension"

among the staff, especially within the English department, because other teachers do not share his views.

Asked if the board was equally concerned over Fromm's effect on the students, Kent said "we haven't been able to discern whatsoever that Fromm brought his views into the classroom."

When asked to comment on Cowan's finding that parents from multicultural communities could have a reasonable apprehension that their children would not be treated fairly in Fromm's class, Kent said there was no hard evidence to back that up.

Ontario Region chair Gerda Frieberg said Congress would continue to monitor Fromm's activities. She said she was satisfied with the transfer. "While the process was slow, we believe the Peel board has sent a positive message to its community and to the public in general by ensuring that Fromm, an individual linked to racist, extremist groups, is no longer a part of the public high school system."

Karen Mock, national director of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights, said that "contrary to what Fromm would have us believe, [his dismissal] is not a free speech issue. The question is whether such a man is able to convey core Canadian values to his students."

Fromm said he would not appeal the transfer.

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Bobov teachers stage one-day work stoppage

By PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO — Four English program teachers at the Yeshiva Bnei Zion of Bobov recently staged a one-day work stoppage to protest the fact that they hadn't been paid in two months.

A short time after, the school's 19 teachers were given two weeks pay, said Rabbi David Kessler, principal of the Bobov yeshiva.

While that has provided a temporary reprieve, the school is still \$75,000 behind in this year's salary payments. Rabbi Kessler said he did not know where the teachers' next paycheck would be coming from.

"We're a little more than two months behind in their pay," he said. "It's troubling. It's a very serious situation."

"We're very lucky the teachers are teaching despite their hardships."

The recent strike affected 50 students from grades 4 through 8. Altogether

the school employs eight English program teachers and 11 in the Hebrew section. One hundred and seventy-five students from kindergarten through Grade 8 are enrolled in the learning institution.

Rabbi Kessler said the Hebrew program teachers didn't walk out because "it's a bigger responsibility for the Hebrew studies to be kept going."

He traced the school's financial difficulties to the recession and the economic crunch being felt by its traditional benefactors. Rabbi Kessler said he would not be surprised if teachers staged another strike this year and he is concerned that the staff may not return next year if they do not receive back pay. He said the school is asking parents to knock on doors and ask for contributions to help it meet its financial responsibilities.

It is also considering approaching the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto for assistance. Rabbi Kessler said that

the school is prepared to come under the auspices of the Board of Jewish Education (BJE), which is affiliated with the federation. Last April, the Bobov school shared a \$20,000 grant with the Torah Research Academy that was awarded from the federation's endowment fund.

BJE director Rabbi Irwin Witty said "informal discussions" have been held with representatives of the Bobov school over the past two years, but there are still hurdles to overcome be-

fore it can become affiliated with the BJE. Among the obstacles are agreements on teacher certification (Bobov does not require its teachers be provincially certified), issues of fiscal reporting and other criteria.

Rabbi Witty pointed out that BJE day schools have for the past three years faced caps on financial allocations and that the federation has indicated they should budget for a seven percent drop next year.

"Bringing in the Bobov, or any

schools, would pose serious financial stresses that the community would have to meet," Rabbi Witty said.

Meanwhile, Millicent Drebin, principal at the Bais Yaakov Elementary School, said that despite trying times, the school is managing to cope. The school, which has an enrolment of 530 girls in kindergarden to Grade 8 classes, has not missed any salary payments to teachers. "We exist on miracles, but we're existing," she said.

A spokesman for the Yeshivah Yesodai Hatorah said the learning academy is facing a deficit of \$970,000 this year, attributable to the shortfall in contributions from the school's benefactors. He said the yeshiva is four to six weeks behind in salary payments but that teachers have not staged a walkout.

He said the school raises money by "borrowing from some good Jews in Toronto who are willing to carry the load" by offering interest free loans.

'Informal discussions' held with school

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What's New

By
MIRIAM HERMAN

DEADLINE REMINDER

Please note that since we are not publishing issues on July 1 and 15, there are some changes in deadline dates for What's New and About People. Thursday, June 17, is deadline for the July 8 issue, which also must include items that would ordinarily have appeared in the July 15 column. Then deadlines return to the regular Thursday, two weeks prior to publication date (i.e. Thursday, July 8, is deadline for July 22 issue).

I am at my desk on deadline days only to receive your calls and sort my mail. The phone number is 422-2331.

Sunday, June 20

ROSH CHODESH GROUP

Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave., invites all interested women to join the newly formed Rosh Chodesh group at 7:30 p.m. Bring a thought, an insight, or a song to share. Contact Susan Sommers, 693-1761 for further information.

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Monday, June 21

JEWISH SETTLEMENTS

Beth Tzedec Congregation's adult education committee presents part two of the Anne Belle and Manuel E. Pusitz Annual Memorial Lectures, a symposium on the topic Jewish Settlements in the Territories: A First Hand Report with Howard English, Eliza Herbst and Rabbi Yehuda Pinsky. The time is 8 p.m. There is no admission charge and everyone is welcome.

SEX AND VEGETARIANISM

The Canadian Association of Jewish Vegetarians is featuring Dr. J. J. Parlow, noted clinical psychologist and sexual and relationship therapist, who will speak on the topic Sex and Vegetarianism: Is There a Connection? at 8 p.m. at Centennial Centre, 580 Finch Ave. W. upstairs hall (2 blocks west of Bathurst). Parking is free. General admission \$6, seniors and students \$3, members \$2.

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Claire Klein-Osipov, Yiddish folk singer, the newly-formed Toronto Klezmer Band, and Michael Lebovic, Yiddish performer, are appearing at the 14th annual Outdoor Concert of Yiddish folk music and song, at 7 p.m. in Earl Bales Park. This free concert is presented in association with the Yiddish Film Festival being held at the Art Gallery of Ontario throughout June.



Claire Klein-Osipov

Toronto-born Klein-Osipov, whose singing career began with the Toronto Jewish Folk Choir and who now resides in Vancouver, will be accompanied by pianist Wendy Stuart. The Klezmer Band, led by Rick Kardone, features Soviet musicians Slavo Chaknevitsh, Joseph Roth and Michael Sherman, plus Paul Wideman.

Bring lawn chairs or blankets and try to come by public transportation as parking is limited. Concert is sponsored by committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and is made possible by funding from City of North York Grants-in-Aid Program, Musicians Union Trust Fund, JFGT and others.

Tuesday, June 22

FREE WILL VERSUS DESTINY

The question of free will versus destiny in Jewish tradition will be discussed by Rabbi Mordechai Becher, senior lecturer, Ohr Somayach Institutions, Jerusalem, in a public lecture entitled Assume No Responsibility: In a World of Destiny, Do We Really Have Free Will? 8:30 p.m. at Ohr Somayach/JEP Thornhill, 613 Clark Ave., Thornhill. There is no admission charge.

NORTHERN LIGHTS CHAPTER BBW/C

Northern Lights chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, is holding a program meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Newmarket. This will be a social evening including pot luck dinner and pool party. Regular program meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every month. The chapter serves Northern York Region including Newmarket, Aurora, Bradford and Keswick/Georgina. For further information, contact Rene Flannery, 853-5533.

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Members of Aquarius chapter, B'nai Brith Women of Canada, are once again co-ordinating efforts for the Annual Auction to be held at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. Silent auction and merchandise tables start at 6:30 p.m. and live auction begins at 8. Admission is \$3. Proceeds will help support the many community service and B'nai Brith Women projects.

Wednesday, June 23

LUNCH AND LEARN

Holy Blossom Temple's Lunch and Learn in Retirement group will be learning about McDonald's Introduction Into Moscow with guest speaker Rem Langan, assistant vice-president and director of national marketing and communications for McDonald's Canada. Meeting is at noon. There is a \$1 charge for coffee. Special surprise refreshments will be served. For information, call Deborah, 789-3291. This is the last spring meeting. Summer outings to be announced.

Thursday, June 24

REENA ANNUAL MEETING

Reena's 1992/93 annual meeting takes place 7:30 p.m. at Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer Ave. Tony Silipo, minister of community and social services, is guest speaker. Reena is a social service agency dedicated to integrating adults with developmental handicaps into the mainstream of society.

And What Else Is New...

CAMP SHOMRIA REUNION

The Camp Shomria reunion is set for June 19-20. The campgrounds open 10 a.m. Saturday. Bring a picnic lunch. Saturday afternoon, Shuli Dichter, outgoing shaliach, will lead a Memory Workshop. Bring photographs, documents and memorabilia for Shuli to take back to the Hashomer Hatzair Museum at Givat Haviva. Shuli will also lead a group sicha about Hashomer Hatzair and the Kibbutz Artzi, then and now. After dinner, there will be a gathering around the medura for a kumsitz. Sunday indulge in buk-buk, four sticks, swimming, basketball, rikudei-am. Also, you can also help build the new upper machane pagoda or participate in water-tubing fun.

Cost for the weekend, \$20 adult, \$10 per child (ages 2-17), includes Saturday dinner and Sunday continental breakfast. Complimentary accommodations in the tzrifim at the machane are available on a first registered-first served basis. For information, call Shuli at the camp office, 736-1339, or Mintzy Clement, 764-1186.

KOLLEL SUMMER STUDY

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning is now taking registration for its first Toronto mini-Kallah taking place Aug. 21-22 at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. The theme of the Shabbaton is spiritual and intellectual preparation for the High Holidays. It features lectures, text study classes, small discussion groups, prayer services, communal singing, dancing and of course, eating! Registration deadline is July 21. Space is limited and already filling quickly. Cost is \$75 per person and includes four meals and all materials. Childcare is available. For a brochure or more information, call Kolel, 660-3154.

KITCHENER-WATERLOO SCHOOL

The Kitchener-Waterloo Hebrew Day School, dedicated in memory of Rabbi Shraga Phyvele Rosensweig, is holding a graduation ceremony for its first graduating Grade 6 class, Saturday, June 26, at Beth Jacob Congregation after regular Shabbat services. The ceremony will feature a guest speaker, followed by a special Kiddush. Family and friends in Southern Ontario are invited to attend.

LA BSALADE IMAGINAIRE

La Bsalade Imaginaire, a play (in French) by Solly Levy adapted from Moliere's famous story Le Malade Imaginaire, will be performed by the drama group of the Jewish Community Centre of Montreal, Saturday, June 26, 10:30 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre. Tickets are \$26 and \$18. Call the box office, 630-6752 or Ruth Britton, 633-4022.

SOLID GOLD '93

B'nai Brith Upper Canada Lodge announces the Solid Gold '93 fundraising program. Booklets containing numerous discount coupons from a wide range of retail areas (hotels, restaurants, attractions and such) are being sold at the low cost of \$42 per book. Upper Canada Lodge welcomes interested charitable organizations to sell Solid Gold books and receive \$13 per book sold. To be eligible, organizations must register with the lodge. For further information regarding selling or purchasing books, contact Lou Melamed, 636-6731.

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

All 20 North York Public Library branches begin the annual Summer Reading Club July 5. Children pick up workbooks with coloring pages, games and puzzles, then work through library books that offer clues to the mysteries. Participants receive buttons and certificates in August. For ages 7-13 it is the Incredible Shrinking Ray, and for ages 7 and under, it's The Gigantic Dinosaur Egg Adventure. Call any North York library for information. The program is free and all children are welcome.

JF&CS PRESENTS SHOW BOAT

Jewish Family and Child Service is celebrating 125 years of service to the community. Join the celebration Tuesday, Nov. 2, for Show Boat at the North York Performing Arts Centre. For tickets and information, call Florence Weinberger, 638-7800, ext. 214.

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LOFTUS HONORED

Sydney Loftus (centre), former president (1986-89) and chairman of the board (1989-92) of Baycrest Centre, was honored for his contributions to the centre at a tribute evening recently. Pictured with him are Dr. Perry Kendall (left), special advisor to the deputy minister of health on long term care and population health, and Dr. Arnold Aberman, dean of medicine, University of Toronto [bds studios photo].

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What's New

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KABBALAH CENTRE PROGRAMS

The Kabbalah Centre, 678 Sheppard Ave. W., presents the following programs:

The Power of Kabbalah introductory lecture, Sundays, 8 p.m. Call 631-9395 for free registration.

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BAYSVILLE SYNAGOGUE

B'nai Isaac Synagogue, Baysville, Muskoka, opens for the summer season July 3. For information, call 636-2223 or (705) 767-3084.

OHR SOMAYACH PROGRAM LINE

Due to the number of calls for information, Ohr Somayach Thornhill has started a Ohr Somayach Program Line. The Program Line offers up-to-date information on special programs, services, daily and weekly classes and last minute changes to the Ohr Somayach schedule. The Program Line can be reached by calling 886-5732 any time, day or night.

SUMMER STAGE 1993

Leah Posluns Theatre School is offering a unique summer workshop for children aged 10-13 and teens aged 14-19, July 5-29, Monday to Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 636-1880, ext. 287.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living Outreach Program is currently in need of VISIT and Dial-a-Friend volunteers. VISIT volunteers visit homebound seniors in their homes and provide opportunities for company, socialization and discussion. Dial-a-Friend volunteers provide a telephone reassurance service to homebound seniors. If you are interested, call **Barbara Zigler**, volunteer co-ordinator, 225-2112.

at the JCC

Find out about the Bloor Y's Downtowners Club for people 25-35. For information about the next event, call **Luni**, 924-6211.

for seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Mondays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On June 21 there will be a special movie of the celebrations in Israel of the State's 45th anniversary. For information, call 782-9432 or 635-5604.

LZA Seniors Club has planned a day's outing to Stage West to see *Same Time Next Year* with **Loretta Swit**, Wednesday, Aug. 4. Buffet lunch, bus and show included in price. Phone **Libby**, 782-2059, or **Belle**, 633-5841. Fantasy Island trip July 1 is fully booked. Names are being taken for standby. Cultural Club continues Tuesdays, 10 a.m. and Ladies Dance Group meets Thursdays, 1 p.m. Activities take place at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club upcoming events include: Israel trip Nov. 14-Dec. 2; cruise to Stoney Lake, June 24; Homowack Hotel in the Catskills July 11-19 (reservations being taken). For information on all trips and activities, call **Lena**, 785-5773, or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book to mark special occasions. Your donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Young at Heart Seniors is arranging a discussion regarding the trip to the Pines Hotel (kosher) in the Catskills for 10 days, July 30-August 8, and to discuss the Atlantic City trip. For details, call **Doreen** or **Helen**, 635-6343.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club happenings: Buffalo shopping trip Tuesday, June 22 (\$20 members, \$23 non-members); movie musical-comedy *Mississippi*, Wednesday, June 23, 2 p.m. (members free, non-members \$1); Father's Day dance with live band, Sunday, June 27, 7:30-10:30 p.m. (\$4 members, \$5 non-members); Canada Day celebration, Thursday, July 1, 1-4 p.m. clubhouse, everyone welcome; Catskills trip to Raleigh Hotel July 18-25; North York Board of Education programs — bridge, line and ballroom

dancing, fitness, art class. For information, call 395-7881.

Wednesday film series at Ontario Science Centre features *The Lady Eve* June 23, at noon for seniors, 2:30 p.m. for general audiences. Free with admission to Science Centre.

Bingo is planned at the **Wagman Centre**, 55 Ameer Ave., for Sunday, June 20, 1:30-3 p.m. The Jewish Community Centre Singers will perform Tuesday, June 22, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Club Hadar meets Mondays, from 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill, Meeting Room 2. Activities include Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. For information, call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

Happy Time Seniors is presenting a program on Back Fitness: Caring For Your Back with North York public health nurse **Sara Farrell** Friday, June 25, 1:30-3 p.m. at Edithvale Community Centre, 7 Edithvale Dr. (Finch and Yonge area). Everyone is welcome.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone number is 225-2112.

La Briyat Wellness Centre invites you to become a member of the new Osteoporosis support group. The group meets with **Debbie Howe** Tuesday, June 22, 1:30-3 p.m. Call **Brenda** or **Sandra**, 225-2112, for further information. This program is co-sponsored by Women Against Osteoporosis.

The Wellness Centre health lecture series presents Intimacy and Aging with **Rheta Rosen**, professor of family studies at Ryerson, Thursday, June 24, 1:30 p.m. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Father's Day celebration with classical guitarist **Zemr** takes place Sunday, June 20, 1:45-2:15, followed by the movie *Fiddler on the Roof*. Members \$2.50, non-members \$3.50.

Also Sunday, June 20, there's a dance with music by the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Members \$3.50, non-members.

A musical afternoon with **Fern Dworkin** is set for Wednesday, June 23, 1:30 p.m. Members \$2.50, non-members \$3.50.

The Friendship Circle, for people 55 and over and living alone, meets every other Thursday at 7 p.m. The June 17 meeting features **Ricardo Bassett**, renowned lecturer on Jewish literature. Meetings are for Friendship Circle members only. The fee is \$1.

A show and cruise at Big Creek Boat Farm is arranged for Tuesday, June 29. Cost is \$30. Trips are for members only but are available to non-members five days before the event at a higher cost. Purchase tickets at information desk. For information, call **Shari**, 225-2112.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew-speaking older adults, meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Programs include movies, lectures, concerts and dances. For information, call **Anna**, 225-2112.

About People

CANADA 125 MEDALS

In honor of the 125th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, a special commemorative medal is being awarded to those Canadians who through their efforts have made this country a better place in which to live. Among the recipients are **Zena Chapley**; **David Chapley**; **Frank Dimant**, executive vice-president, B'nai Brith Canada; **Etia Golan**, founder of senior citizens' Club Hadar in Thornhill; **Rabbi Aaron Grossbaum**, community mental health consultant **Rena Clamen**; **Bernie Farber**, Canadian Jewish Congress director and national director, Joint Community Relations Committee; **Helen Goodman**, National Council of Jewish Women; and entertainer **Frank Shuster**.

CEBS DESIGNATION

I. Harvey Poch, president, In-Sure Consulting Inc., Willowdale, has earned the Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS). Poch, a member on the board of directors of Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park and Steeles College Memorial Chapel, is one of 73 Canadians who hold the CEBS designation. To be certified, he had to pass 10 national examinations covering the planning design and administration of employee benefit plans from provincial and federal perspectives.

The CEBS program is co-sponsored by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and Dalhousie University Halifax, Nova Scotia.



I. Harvey Poch



HOLOCAUST FORUM

St. Mary's Secondary School in Coburg hosted a speaker's forum on the Holocaust and modern-day racism and anti-Semitism worldwide. Shown are (from left) St. Mary's teacher **Gary O'Dwyer**, **Paul Marcus**, national director of B'nai Brith Canada's Institute for International Affairs; **Prina Spetgang**, director of Holocaust education at the Holocaust Memorial Centre, and **Robert Weiss**, Holocaust survivor.



FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

The Library Resource Centre of United Synagogue Day School Bayview campus recently hosted its 3rd annual Festival of Authors. Visiting authors **Brian Doyle**, **Barbara Greenwood**, **Jo Ellen Bogart**, **Allen Morgan** and **Ian and Sally Wilson** met with students to discuss the writer's craft. Above, **Allen Morgan** (right), author of *Sadie and the Snowman*, met with Grade 1 and 2 students. From left are **Noah Wallach**, **Noam Markose** and **Shelby Gold**.



VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Fanny Pillersdorf (centre) was recently honored with a Volunteer Service Award by the Ministry of Citizenship and the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Recreation for 15 years of volunteerism and commitment to Hadassah. With her are Citizenship Minister **Elaine Ziembra** (left), and **Anne Swarbrick**, minister of culture, tourism and recreation. For the past four years, Pillersdorf has run an introduction service (ages 25-45) for the Toronto Zionist Council resulting in several marriages. If you would like to avail yourself of this free service, call her at 787-4867.

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Organizations and People

Jewish vegetarian convention to focus on the term kashrut

By LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —The annual convention of the Jewish Vegetarians of North America will be held this year in Toronto, from July 1 until July 4.

The event will take place at Eaton Hall on the King Campus of Seneca College, in Vaughan, just north of Toronto.

A kosher kitchen, under the supervision of the Kashruth Council of Toronto (COR), will offer vegan vegetarian cuisine; that is, a vegetarian menu using neither eggs nor dairy products.

Evelyn Dorfman, acting president of the more than 10-year-old Jewish Vegetarian Society of Toronto, told *The CJN* that one of the focuses of the convention will be on the widening of the term kashrut to include not just the proper slaughter of animals but their care beforehand.

"Kashrut limits its concerns to the specifics of the humane killing of animals [which it does very well] and with the examination of the remains to determine whether the animal is acceptable. That's the extent of the official interest."

What kashrut supervising bodies ought to also concern themselves with, she said, is the life of the animals prior to their humane death.

Today, she said, large numbers are grown in less-than-ideal factory farm settings, raised with chemical-oriented methods, their needs, such as wandering, eating what they want to, and communicating with their fellow creatures, ignored.

"They are fed what will make them weigh more, and become bigger so that they will bring a higher selling price."

Biblical injunction

The Biblical injunction of *tsaar baalei chayim*, kindness to animals, is totally neglected, she charged.

A major example is *promivi veal*, the so-called white veal, which calls for the calves to be raised in virtual darkness, physically restrained and fed an iron-restricted diet.

It is hoped that the convention will produce resolutions on such subjects as factory farms, transportation which may be so crowded that the animals arrive with broken legs, and the traumatic slaughter house experience, which will be presented to those people responsible for taking steps, such as kashrut departments.

Although Dorfman points out that most vegetarians don't blame the rabbis for these abuses, "while they don't permit it, they condone it."

Another subject for discussion will be chemical pollutants and toxic materials found in food that are not in themselves food, and so do not fall into the categories of material under rabbinic supervision.

There is a rule, she said, that Jews are supposed to take in as little as possible of what is detrimental or harmful to the body, not just that we have to worry about what is *treif* or not.

The speakers at the convention will include Rabbi Noach Valley, president of the Jewish Vegetarians of North America, Roberta Kalechofsky, founder of Jews for Animal Rights, who will report on vegetarianism and animal care in Israel, and Michael Schwab, director of the Canadian Vegans for Animal Rights.

Cost for the four days, which will include food, both Reform and Traditional services (with a *mehitzah*), lectures and study groups, is \$345.

For more information or to register, contact Convention Committee of the Jewish Vegetarian Society, 113 Balliol St., Toronto, Ont. M4S 1C2, or telephone (416)485-9164.



EISEN'S WORK RECOGNIZED

Premier Bob Rae congratulates Olga and Alex Eisen at the Reena Foundation's recent gala dinner. Alex was the recipient of the Tammy Gutstein Humanitarian Award for his work on behalf of the developmentally handicapped.

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The CJN encourages readers to direct any queries they might have on an upcoming event to the event's organizers.

A.Y.J.A. (Association of Young Jewish Adults) presents a "Summer Patio Party" at Bellair Cafe, 100 Cumberland St. (entrance on Bellair), Sunday, July 11 at 8:00pm. Cover \$10. Proceeds will be donated to the Zareinu Education Centre. A.Y.J.A. is a non-profit, all volunteer organization for ages 22-35. A.Y.J.A. volunteers needed, please call 760-4149.

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Camping '93, Canada Day weekend. Mtg Sat., June 19. Stanley, 630-2658, Reva 445-8718.

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Marcia Levine and Jeff Perlmutter invite you to a tennis roundrobin and dance on Saturday, June 19. Tennis 6:30pm. Reservations a must. Dance 8:30pm. Come early and watch the tennis. At The Valley Tennis Club, 7015 Leslie Street (north of Steeles). Tennis- Members \$10, non-members \$15. Dance only- \$10. For reservations or information call Marcia, 889-0813. Next function- Pre-Holiday Party, Wed., June 30, 8:30m. Admission \$10. No work next day!

Metro Toronto Singles Presents our annual Canada Day Summer Cruise on Lake Ontario. Thursday, July 1, 8:00pm. Call 222-7111 for advance tickets and information. Tickets \$22 in advance, \$30 day of cruise. Featuring spectacular harbourfront fireworks display. Limited space available.

The Concord Resort in the Catskills presents it's annual Singles Week. Come down with Sears Travel Service July 7-11. Bus or airfare available. For hotel info and prices call Sherry-Lynn, Sears Travel Service 941-2477. Use your Sears card for Sears Club points. Book by June 28 and get early booking bonuses.



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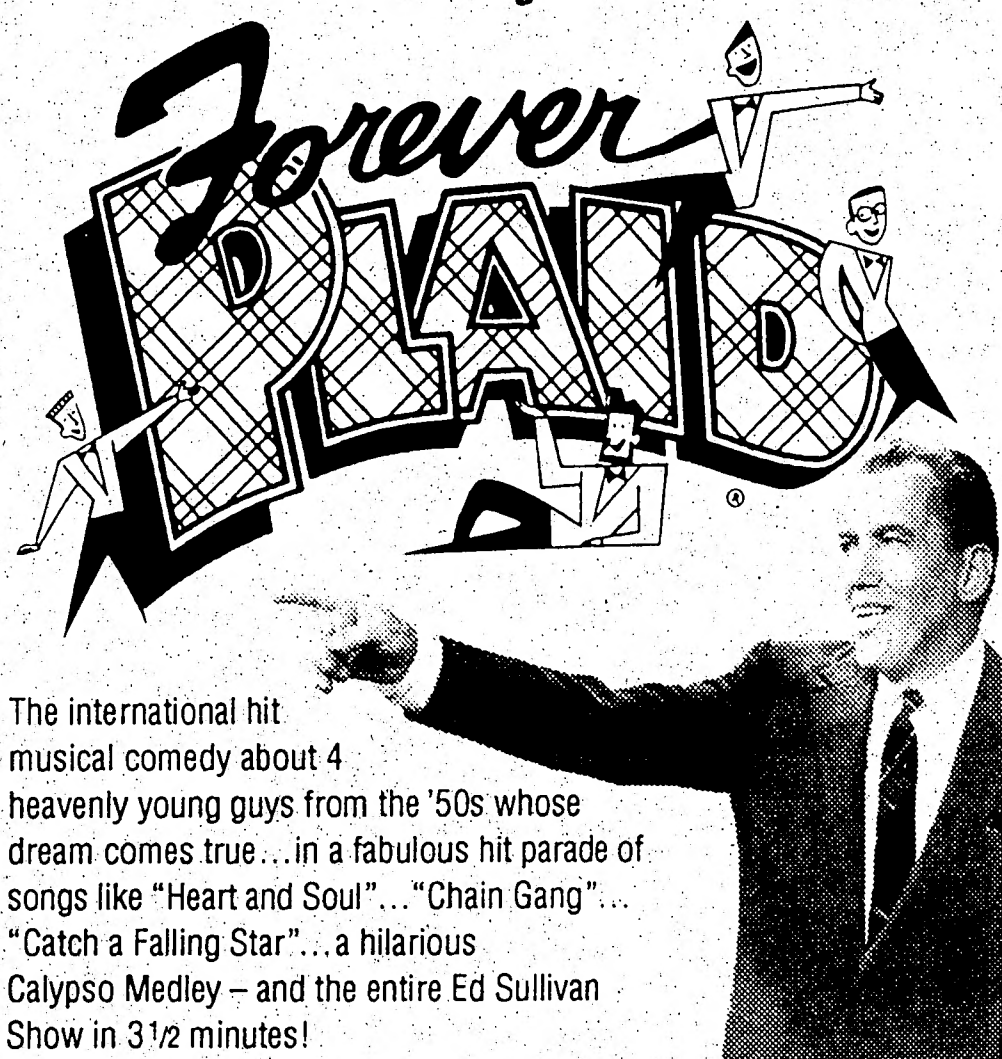
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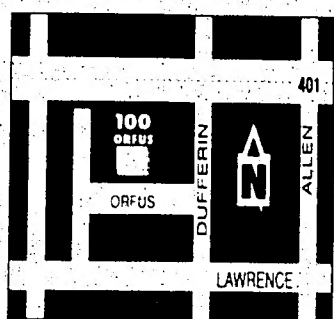
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Travel

Old Jaffa remains popular with tourists

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

JAFFA — With its art galleries, jewelry shops and flea market, Old Jaffa is one of Israel's foremost tourist attractions.

Throughout the year, but especially in summer, Old Jaffa resounds to the sounds of foreign travellers and Israelis taking in its variegated sights.

They come here not just to browse and buy, but to immerse themselves in its rich historic ambience.

Jaffa is ancient. Excavations have uncovered Israelite, Canaanite, Greek, Egyptian and Roman remains.

The Lebanese cedars of Solomon's Temple were unloaded in Jaffa's port. The Crusaders, Mamelukes, Arabs and Turks conquered it. And Napoleon passed through.

At the turn of the 19th century, Jaffa was the gateway to Palestine for European Jewish immigrants. In 1906, a Jew from Russia who would later change his name to David Ben-Gurion and become Israel's first prime minister landed in Jaffa.

Controlled by the British until 1948, Jaffa was the scene of heavy fighting between Arab and Jewish forces in the War of Independence. On May 14 of that year, Jaffa was wrested from the Arabs by the Haganah and the Irgun Zvai Leumi.

The area known as Old Jaffa today fell into neglect in the 1950s and became a haunt of drug addicts and prostitutes.

But in 1960, the Old Jaffa Development Company cleaned it up and turned it into an appealing artists' colony.

Start your tour of Old Jaffa at Abrasha Park, with its date palms, shaded, sloping lawns and sweeping view of Tel Aviv's burgeoning skyline.

At the highest point, in the

Hamidron Gardens, there is a white sandstone biblical sculpture by Daniel Kafri of Jacob's dream, the sacrifice of Isaac and the fall of Jericho.

Walk down the hill and you'll see archaeological digs of a Hellenistic citadel and of Pharaonic and late-Canaanite gateways.

The artifacts taken from these excavations, ranging from pottery to jewelry, are on permanent display at the Museum of Antiquities, housed in a former Turkish building at 10 Mifraz Shlomo St.

As you wander through the maze of Old Jaffa's restored cobblestone alleyways, you'll come to the Archaeological Centre, a private shop licenced by the department of antiquities.

Within its musty interior you'll find supposedly authentic oil lamps and pottery from the Hellenistic and Islamic periods, bowls from the Early Bronze Age, antique bracelets and coins minted during the reign of Alexander the Great.

At the Gallery Studio Dilon, look for stylized chassidic figures. At Rachel Gera, the specialty is silver jewelry. Decorative plates, oil paintings and art reproductions are found at Maskit. Silkscreens of the Western Wall figure prominently at Studio Handelman.

Further on, at the shop of sculptor Oded Halahmy, aluminum-cast chanukiahs and jewelry studded with Roman glass are the draw. At the Frank Meisler Gallery, eccentric-looking figurines made of bronze and polished silver attract a visitor.

There are several restaurants in the vicinity and they specialize in grilled meat and fish and Middle Eastern salads. At least two, Ifrah and Roka, are apparently kosher.

On 7 Yefet St., near Old Jaffa's Clock Tower Square, is a bakery which has become an institution. Said

Abulafia & Sons.

Billed as Jaffa's oldest existing bakery, Abulafia is invariably busy, with customers lined up to buy bagels of its fresh, hot pitas, rolls and miniature pizzas.

Around the corner, past a smelly fish store, bargain hunters head for the flea market. Here, amid untidy carpentry shops redolent of wood chips and glue, you can purchase rugs, Middle Eastern bric-a-brac and *alte schmattes*.

It's a congested place, crowded with shoppers, slow-moving cars and donkey-drawn carts. If nothing else, the filthy flea market is atmospheric. My wife, Etti, who grew up in Jaffa, vouches for it.

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Adjacent to Old Jaffa, in the shadow of the Shalom Tower, is Neve Tzedek, Tel Aviv's first residential quarter.

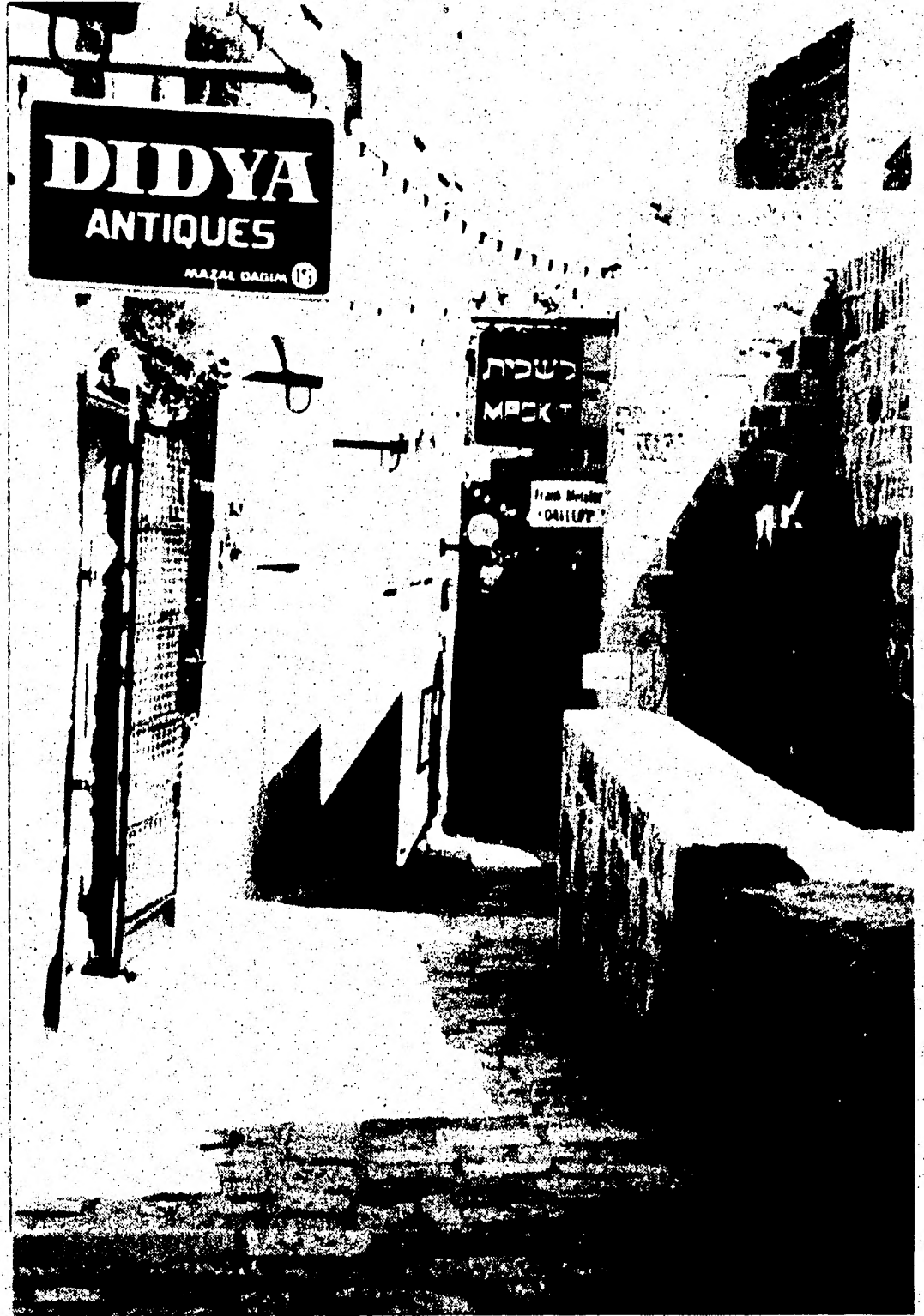
Characterized by tight, narrow streets and lovely old buildings often replete with courtyards, Neve Tzedek exudes a special flavor absent elsewhere in Tel Aviv.

Apart from the architecture, it's best known for its boutiques and art galleries.

Nearby, hugging the Mediterranean Sea, is Charles Clore Park, whose pleasant promenade starts at the Hilton Hotel and ends several kilometres away on the outskirts of Old Jaffa.

Watch for a plaque in honor of 157 American Christian Zionists who tried to establish a colony in Jaffa in the 19th century.

Arriving from Jonesport, Maine, in September 1866, these starry-eyed pioneers never quite adjusted to local conditions, and those who didn't succumb to disease or starvation eventually returned to the United States.



An alleyway in Old Jaffa. [Sheldon Kirshner photo]

On the road in Thailand

By BILL GLADSTONE

The mini-van had made it safely up the red mud slopes and Sam, our well-spoken Thai guide, said we'd get back okay provided the heavens didn't burst.

"If it rains, the road will become a sea of mud," he said. "We'd get stuck for sure. Maybe even slide off a cliff."

The sky was thick with monsoon clouds as we ascended this forested foothill of the Himalayas, in the northern Thai province of Chiang Mai.

We reached the Hill tribe village safely. It was no more than a clumsy conspiracy of huts and shacks surrounded by dense jungle, filled with pigs, chickens, hanging laundry (washed) and welcoming children (unwashed) who became our honor guard as we inspected their universe. Their fathers were out in the fields; their mothers, busy with domestic chores.

The children kept pace as Sam led us up a muddy trail. Crouching, we passed through the doorway of a thatched hut, then sat upon a few low rocks in the dark interior.

A resident of the provincial capital, also called Chiang Mai, Sam nevertheless seemed used to bringing tour groups here. How much he was paid for the privilege, I did not ask. Treating the hut as a makeshift classroom, he described village life in some detail as the children waited outside.

We were in a Karen village, he told us, explaining that the Karen were the largest of 10 distinct tribes with a total population estimated at 500,000. Known for their colorful dress and semi-nomadic habits, most Hill tribes originated in Tibet, China, Laos and Burma about two centuries ago.

Many of the Karen had reached Thailand in recent years after fleeing government persecution in Burma. The few hundred at this particular settlement grew rice, vegetables and livestock. Sam said they were not involved in the opium production that sustain many of their fellow tribesmen in the Golden Triangle, a notorious poppy-growing region a short distance to the north.

Living in remote mountainous regions, most Hill tribe people remain apart from modern Thai life. As we were to discover, some descend to Chiang Mai and other cities where they sell homemade goods at the local markets.

Emerging from the hut, we strolled through the primitive settlement. Water and electricity had arrived only months earlier. By supplying these utilities, the Thai government intends to encourage permanent settlement and to discourage the nomadic practice of slashing and burning the landscape, which has damaged the mountain ecology.

The village women presented blankets, tablecloths, beaded purses, cloth bags, straps, headbands and other homemade wares. Bartering generously, we still walked away with unique goods at prices unheard of in North America.

Afterwards, we were invited into a sparsely furnished hut, where the only noticeable consumer goods were a few old pots and pans. There was a small fire in the middle of the floor and a woman was sewing with an infant at her breast.

We rolled down the mountain in a gentle monsoon mist, returning safely to civilization. More than anything, it was the "otherness" of this remote world that made it seem so exotic, so different, so memorable.

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York Region just keeps growing and growing

By DEBBIE LIGHTSTONE

York Region's planners are doing a lot of crystal ball gazing these days, and their vision of the future meets the challenges posed by one of the country's fastest growing population centres.

The population of York Region has swelled from 166,000 in 1971 to 534,000 today. Nine municipalities, the most populous of which are Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill, make up the York Regional Council. The council is working on a blueprint for development over the next 30 years. A draft of the plan is expected by the fall.

"Ours is a baby boomer population of families with young children. Over 80 percent of the housing here is single-family detached homes. But that's changing. The population is aging, there are single-parent families and couples with no children, and we're going to need rowhouses and apartments to satisfy their needs," says Barbara Jeffrey, a senior planner for the region.

Plans will include a more cosmopolitan population mix, communities that are less dependent on the automobile, and protection of environmentally significant green lands.

"We also need to design more compact urban spaces that are accessible to pedestrians and to public transit. We can't just keep building wider and wider roads," Jeffrey said.

Due to the aging population, differ-

ent types of recreation areas need to be developed, Jeffrey said, like those for walking or bird-watching.

Like the rest of the greater Toronto area, development in York Region has slowed dramatically in the '90s. Approximately 4,000 building permits were issued in 1992, compared to some 12,000 a year in the late '80s.

But the recessionary cloud has a partial silver lining.

"The slowdown in development gives us some breathing time," said Jeffrey. "In the '80s we tended to move from one fire to another. It was crisis management. We were using up so much land every year it was difficult to make decisions based on a longer planning horizon."

General assistance increases

The province's ongoing economic woes are a serious concern for Peter Crichton, York Region's commissioner of community services.

"When I took on this job in June

1990, there were 1,700 people on the general assistance case load. Now there are more than 9,000," said Crichton.

"That puts a strain on the province's ability to fund the social assistance program, and [because municipalities share 20 percent of the cost] it puts a tremendous strain on the property taxpayer."

Crichton said the vast majority of those on social assistance are between 20 and 44, in the unskilled labor category. They are employable, but they just can't find jobs. "We are going through a restructuring of the economy and of the labor market that has eliminated these jobs, and they aren't coming back," he said.

"We need to get back to the business of creating wealth and jobs."

To stimulate employment, York Region has a \$30 million budget from the provincial Jobs Ontario Training Fund. The region matches people with employers and pays the employer for on-the-job training.

Looking ahead, Crichton sees growing pressure for more subsidized child care. The provincial government and York Region split the cost of the subsidies on an 80-20 percent basis. Currently the region has the capacity to subsidize 1,400 spaces, but Crichton believes the demand will grow.

In 1991, Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill together contained almost 70 percent of York Region's population. What lies ahead in these key municipalities?

The Town of Markham is working with the provincial government on a community building plan encompassing 12,000 acres and as many as 15,000 people.

David Tsubouchi, Markham's chair of planning and development, said the plan will break with the past.

"Over the last 20 years in York Region, the housing all looks the same: houses with fences. It's uninteresting. We seem to have planned communities for cars and not for people," said Tsubouchi.

"Now we're asking, 'How can we

People like old village concept

plan for people, how can we create a community that's a nice place to live? We've found that people like the old-fashioned village concept, where you can walk to places, like Main Street Unionville in Markham."

To that end, the town has hired the

services of Andres Duany, a world-renowned leader in neo-traditional planning.

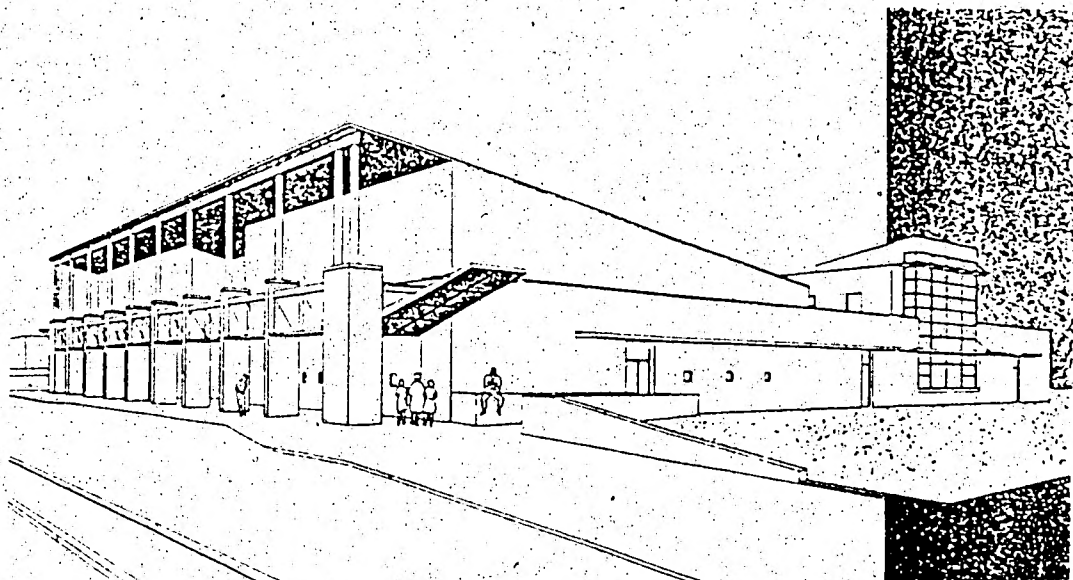
And for the past three years the town has engaged in a dialogue with its residents, asking ratepayers to examine blueprints, talk to planners and give feedback. Tsubouchi said the consultation will go on at least another year, and construction will probably begin by early 1996.

The City of Vaughan has proposed two developments, which still require provincial government approval. Vaughan Centre, at Highway 400 between Major Mackenzie Drive and Rutherford Road, will be a centre for entertainment and tourism, with community and civic facilities and possibly a major retail complex.

Vaughan Corporate Center, at Highways 400 and 7, will be a major office complex with some retail space and apartment units. Both projects are expected to begin development in 1998.

In Richmond Hill, a 1,000,000-sq. ft. regional mall is proposed for the northwest corner of Leslie Street and Major Mackenzie Drive. It has been endorsed by the town but has yet to be approved by the Ontario Municipal Board. Plans for residential, commercial and industrial expansion east and north of Major Mackenzie Drive are being discussed.

Richmond Hill has also attracted big business. Shell Canada is in the process of moving its head office to Highway 404 and 16th Avenue.



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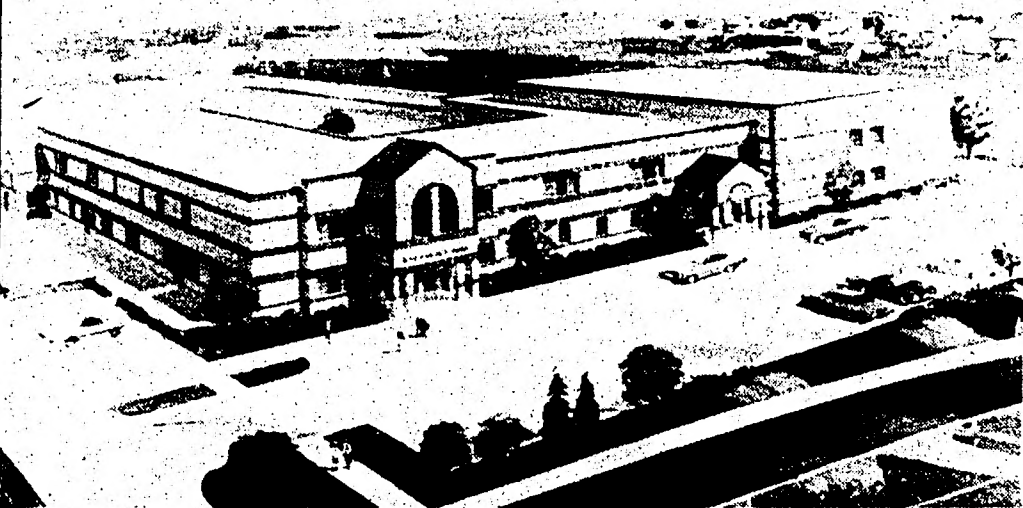
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Richmond Hill's Country Shul seeks to unite northern Jews

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

The Country Shul at Bathurst Street and Carrville Road in Richmond Hill focuses on uniting the region's scattered Jewish residential pockets into a viable community.

Though the name suggests a rustic shtetl in a bucolic setting, the reality is a storefront synagogue in a strip plaza. A few open fields remain in the evolving exurb, but The Country Shul title derives from a different source.

In 1990, a handful of observant families new to Richmond Hill began to meet for services in the basement of a house. About a year later, a rabbi who had been holding minyans for other newcomers was called to a permanent post outside the area and brought his list of potential congregants to the 'underground group.'

"We couldn't just sit in the basement. We had to expand," said one member.

A former video store in the Bathurst-Carrville plaza was made available through the generosity of Larry Ginsberg. And the little congregation turned for organizational assistance to Aish Hatorah, which fosters Jewish educational programs.

Aish Hatorah had already helped to establish another storefront synagogue, The Village Shul on Eglinton Avenue, and had founded its own synagogue in Thornhill.

Encouraged by the success of The Village Shul, the 'Richmond Hill sprout' decided to become The Country Shul. Like its urban predecessor, it operates as an independent affiliate of Aish Hatorah.

Opening in time for High Holidays in 1991 with a portable Ark and folding chairs, The Country Shul attracted 100 people. Membership totalled eight families.

Although services, conducted in Hebrew, are traditional and men and women sit separately, all are welcome and a wide spectrum of back-



Teacher Harvey Weitz with bar mitzvah David Bunkowitz.

grounds is represented. "We want everyone to feel comfortable," said Lisa Marcus.

The young mother of four, who with her husband Jerry "came on board" from Aish Hatorah to help the fledgling shul, supervises programming. Jerry is involved with teaching and services.

To accommodate the diversity, an alternative minyan has been introduced. Jerry, who has a yeshivah background, explains, answers questions, sparks discussion. In keeping with Aish Hatorah's emphasis on education, there are tables and tables of books for adults and youth.

The sprout is growing. In 1992 the congregation moved to larger quarters in the plaza. The Ark is still portable and the chairs fold, but there is ample space and a broader range of activities. The High Holidays drew 200 and membership rose to 30 families.

Services, open to everyone, are held each Saturday morning through-

out the year. There is always a kid-dush. "It's friendly," said Lisa Marcus. "Each person is noticed and welcomed."

Bar mitzvah instruction is offered on a one-to-one basis.

Programing is unique, Marcus affirmed. "Whoever you are, there is something for you and we want you to find your niche."

The Country Shul offers family Shabbatons, Chanukah and Purim parties, preparatory High Holiday classes, National Council of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) groups, public lectures, private tutorials and home study groups. There is also opportunity for community service.

Ambitious plans are underway for an on-premises Country Shul Fair in September, which will encompass everything from Jewish learning to challah braiding. The membership wants to share its joy in building a community and encourage others to educate themselves and their children.

Region boasts many synagogues

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

As the Jewish population of York Region continues to grow, the Lubavitch Community Centre on Chabad Gate (731-7000) is committed to growing with it so as to be able to serve the entire community.

Rabbi Zalman Grossbaum says a minyan for the Israeli community is held at the centre every Shabbat and a staff member is available to help Israelis adjust to Toronto life.

Chabad Lubavitch of Markham (886-0420) holds several youth services during the High Holidays and during services, children have access to a games room.

Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation on Clark Avenue West (886-3810) continues to grow and now has a membership of about 600 families. In addi-

tion to year-round and regular High Holiday services in the main sanctuary and chapel, Ohr Somayach leads a High Holiday educational service.

For parties and simchas, full service meat and dairy catering are available.

B'nai Shalom North Congregation on 275 Arnold Ave. at Bathurst St., across from the Promenade Mall (731-2797), holds traditional High Holiday services led by Rabbi Solomon Domb at the Garet A. Williams Community Centre. Shul members have reserved seats. Youth, ages 6-17, have a choice of attending the main service or the youth service and there is a nursery program for children aged 2-5 years old.

Synagogue services are held at 275 Arnold Ave., year-round and catering is now available.

Temple Har Zion at 7360 Bayview Ave., (889-2252) has 7:15 a.m. services, Monday to Friday, followed by a breakfast. Sunday services are at 9 a.m. and Shabbat services are at 10:30 a.m.

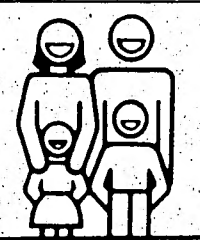
Renovations to the sanctuary are complete and membership at the temple continues to grow.

Or Hadash (416-898-7506) a Reform congregation in Newmarket, has grown to include a mailing list of 150 families. In addition to annual High Holiday services, the congregation has a visiting committee to look into the welfare of Jewish nursing home residents in the area and has started an interfaith outreach group to deal with intermarriage issues.

Or Hadash's Hebrew school has an enrolment of about 50 children and the congregation is hoping to hold a play-group for children aged 2 to 4.

Shaar Shalom Synagogue (889-4975), on Don Mills Road north of Steeles, has a membership of 540 families, many with young children. As well as regular Shabbat and festival services, the synagogue offers youth groups, adult education and catering facilities.

Temple Kol Ami (660-5199), a Reform congregation, holds Shabbat and festival services at Leo Baeck Day School. Spiritual leader is Rabbi Nancy Wechsler.



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Nutritionist Sharon Gottlieb.

Sunnybrook Foods to feature on-site nutritionists at stores

By RUTH SCHWITZER

There is a new movement afoot in U.S. supermarkets to educate consumers about nutrition. Canadians will get a chance to find out what it's all about at Sunnybrook during the first anniversary celebrations of the Bayview Avenue store.

The month-long event, taking place from mid-June to mid-July, features an on-site nutritionist who will give cooking demonstrations, recipes and advice about nutrition on four consecutive Fridays.

Throughout the month there will be demonstrations of foods that used to be the domain of gourmet and health food stores, and a tofu hamburger and tofu hot dog barbecue. It will be an opportunity for shoppers to sample and learn how to prepare products new to grocery store shelves, says David Goodbaum of Sunnybrook.

Goodbaum said education about nutrition is now taking place at the grocery store, the primary place for buying food. In the U.S., he said, some stores have full-time nutritionists on-site, and Canadian supermarkets are moving in the direction of consumer education.

The nutritionist who will be at the Thornhill Sunnybrook store, Sharon Gottlieb, said health professionals are recognizing that good nutrition and healthy eating starts at the store. "Food choices and foods you buy at the supermarket determines what foods you will be eating on a daily basis," said Gottlieb, director of nutrition at the Fitness Institute.

Healthy eating, she emphasized, does not mean a boring and bland diet. "We'll show that doesn't have to be the case, by enhancing flavors with condiments such as vinegar, mustards, salsas, herbs and spices."

Healthy eating includes Mexican, Oriental, Italian and Middle Eastern dishes, which Gottlieb will feature in cooking demonstrations. "Ethnic food styling has become a major trend in eating and it's very consistent with healthy eating because of emphasis in those cultures on grains and vegetables," she said.

In the development of Canada's new food guide, around which Gottlieb's in-store sessions will be focused, the food patterns and eating habits of cultures that emphasized grains, vegetables and fruit were studied. She said people from those cultures seem to have a lower incidence of heart disease and certain types of cancers.

Gottlieb said research into the antioxidant vitamins, beta-carotene and vitamin C, has shown that they play a role in preventing heart disease, cancer and slowing down the aging process. Beta-carotene is found in

yellow and deep-green vegetables, citrus fruits and deep-green vegetables are sources of vitamin C.

The previous food guide, from the 1940s, was designed to provide an adequate diet to prevent nutritional deficiencies. Grains, fruit and vegetables were considered less important than meats and dairy foods. "When this food guide was made up, those foods [grains and produce] were hardest to come-by," Gottlieb explained. "As time went on and these foods became more readily available, our consumption of these food increased and we thought of breads and fruits and vegetables as complements to these food groups."

The same four food groups remain in the new food guide, but the number of recommended servings of grains, vegetables and fruit have at least doubled, she said.

Fifty to 100 grams — about the size of a deck of playing cards — of meat, fish or poultry with each meal will provide enough protein, according to the new food guide. Gottlieb said the idea of eating less protein is a hard one for people to grasp since protein is thought of as the focal point of the meal. "The emphasis is not on filling up on [protein]. It should occupy a third of the plate, with the rest being filled with vegetables, grains and potatoes."

Grains, including pasta, couscous and rice, will be the theme of the first of her four-noon-hour appearances at Sunnybrook starting on June 18. She will highlight the three other groups over the remaining weeks.

Gottlieb called pasta the "peak performance food of athletes," noting that Toronto Maple Leafs player Doug Gilmour ate pasta every two hours during the hockey playoffs. At the store, she will help shoppers

select healthy cereals — low in sugar and fat and high in fibre — by helping them to read, and understand, ingredients listed on packages.

The new food guide focuses on variety, and so will Gottlieb when she brings the vegetables and fruits to Sunnybrook shoppers. People are used to cucumbers, lettuce and carrots, Gottlieb said. Her demonstration will include some that are eaten less commonly — zucchini, broccoli, squash and yams.

When many people think of fruit, apples, oranges and bananas come to mind. Gottlieb will show customers how to serve and store exotic fruit, among them mangoes, passion fruits and kiwis.

She has a tip for anyone who wants their family to eat more vegetables and fruit: cut them up and keep the pieces in a bowl in the fridge. That way the bowl is on hand for meals and snacks.

During the presentation on milk products, shoppers will learn how to make lower-fat choices. "With milk we have a choice of whole, two percent, one percent or skim. We usually recommend two percent or less," Gottlieb said. "That's true of milk, yogurt and cottage cheese." Cheese should be skimmed or partly skimmed, seven to 15 percent milk fat.

The meat group of the new food guide incorporates alternatives such as dried peas, beans, lentils and tofu. At the supermarket, Gottlieb plans to give customers some easy recipe and serving ideas for meat alternatives. "It can be as easy as opening a can of baked beans — the vegetarian type — and eating them with a salad, a whole grain roll and a glass of milk. [Or] throwing chick peas into a salad," she said.

Pre-schools in demand

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

There are plenty of young children in York region and as a result pre-schools are in great demand. The following is a sampling of some that are available.

Torah Tots (886-0420) at 55 Guardsman Rd. in the Green Lane-Bayview area, offers pre-nursery, nursery and junior kindergarten.

Goldie Plotkin, school director, says the school has a low child-to-teacher ratio and concentrates on building the child's self-esteem. "We do the academics but it's all done through play. The children learn without even realizing it."

The program includes dance and creative movement, field trips, Jew-

ish culture, Hebrew and computers. Torah Tots is starting an integrated program with Zareinu, a school for special needs children. Zareinu students will join Torah Tots for special holiday and Shabbat programs.

A summer program for boys and girls ages 3-5½ is also available with a range of activities including swimming, arts and crafts, field trips, music and Shabbat parties. Torah Tots kiddie camp is affiliated with the Lubavitch Gan Israel worldwide camping network.

B'nai Sholom Pre-school (731-2797), at 275 Arnold Ave. (opposite the Promenade Mall), offers a year-round program for children aged 18 months to five years. The government-licensed school runs for

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Leaders seek to appreciate region's religious differences

By RANDI DRUZIN

Principal Ron Mintz remembers the start of the Persian Gulf War, and the ensuing high emotions in his school.

"Kids were running through the halls, yelling at one another," he says. "There was a lot of tension then, especially with Jewish and Arab students, who share a common concern about the Middle East."

Mintz took special measures to restore calm in the corridors of Vaughan Secondary School, an exceptionally multicultural school whose student body consists of Jews (including Israelis), Muslims, Hindus and Christians from every corner of the earth.

"I had staff members monitoring the corridors. I held lunch-hour meetings to discuss the war, and I made special announcements urging students to be tolerant of one another. I encouraged them to get along, and I told them, in no uncertain terms, that I wouldn't settle for anything less. And the kids co-operated."

"I don't expect my students to walk through the school hand-in-hand," he says. "But I do expect them to co-exist peacefully."

Like Mintz, local Jewish leaders acknowledge that substantial differences separate various ethnic groups in York Region, and that these differences sometimes cause tension. However, Jewish leaders want to appreciate, even celebrate, these differences. Instead of integrating with these other groups, Jews simply want to get along with them.

Bernie Green, chair of Vaughan's community relations committee, admits that in spite of the phenomenal growth of local Jewish, Italian, Chinese, Korean, Afro-Canadian and East Indian communities, "there isn't much social interaction."

However, he notes that there has been significant co-operation between various ethnic groups on matters of common interest.

"Italians and Jews recently worked together to oppose a proposal to divide Ward 3," says Green, who is also a member of Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith. "Jews work with members of many ethnic groups

in ratepayers' associations, and on development issues."

"I'm not naive enough to believe we can eliminate racial tension altogether," he adds. "But I know we can live together."

Rabbi Nancy Wechsler of Temple Kol Ami shares Green's sentiment.

"We are not living in a vacuum," she says. "The more doors we open, the better we understand others and the better they understand us."

Recently, Rabbi Wechsler's congregants took part in a pot luck dinner with 20 Mormon families, and, prior to that, met with several Islamic women to discuss Islamic life.

Rabbi Wechsler believes this openness promotes, rather than threatens, the distinctiveness of Judaism. "This is about appreciating our differences," she says, "not our commonalities." Response to these initiatives has been "fabulous," she adds.

Rabbi Howard Markose of Shaar Shalom Synagogue in Thornhill has also attempted to foster greater tolerance by interacting with non-Jews. He has talked to a women's church group and recently to Catholic high school students about Judaism and Jewish customs. He also met with Markham MP Don Cousens and other clergymen to discuss the moral fibre of the

community.

However, Rabbi Markose says his priority "is to respond to the increasing influx of Jews in the community, to keep them in the fold."

"I'd like to devote more time and energy to interacting with other communities," he says. "But there's limited time and resources right now."

Bob Bak, executive director of the Korean Community Centre for Multiculturalism, agrees with Rabbi Markose that limited time and resources prevent communities in York Region from forging closer links.

"The Korean community is very new in this area," he explains. "Right now I'm focusing almost all my energy on developing programs and services for my own community."

Adults in York Region may not have to forge closer links with each other. Their children might do it for them.

"Older students spend most of their time with people from their own ethnic group," says 19-year-old Vaughan Secondary School student Michael Menashy.

"But it's not uncommon to see kids from different backgrounds sitting together in the cafeteria or the library. It's more common with the younger students now, because they're more used to each other."

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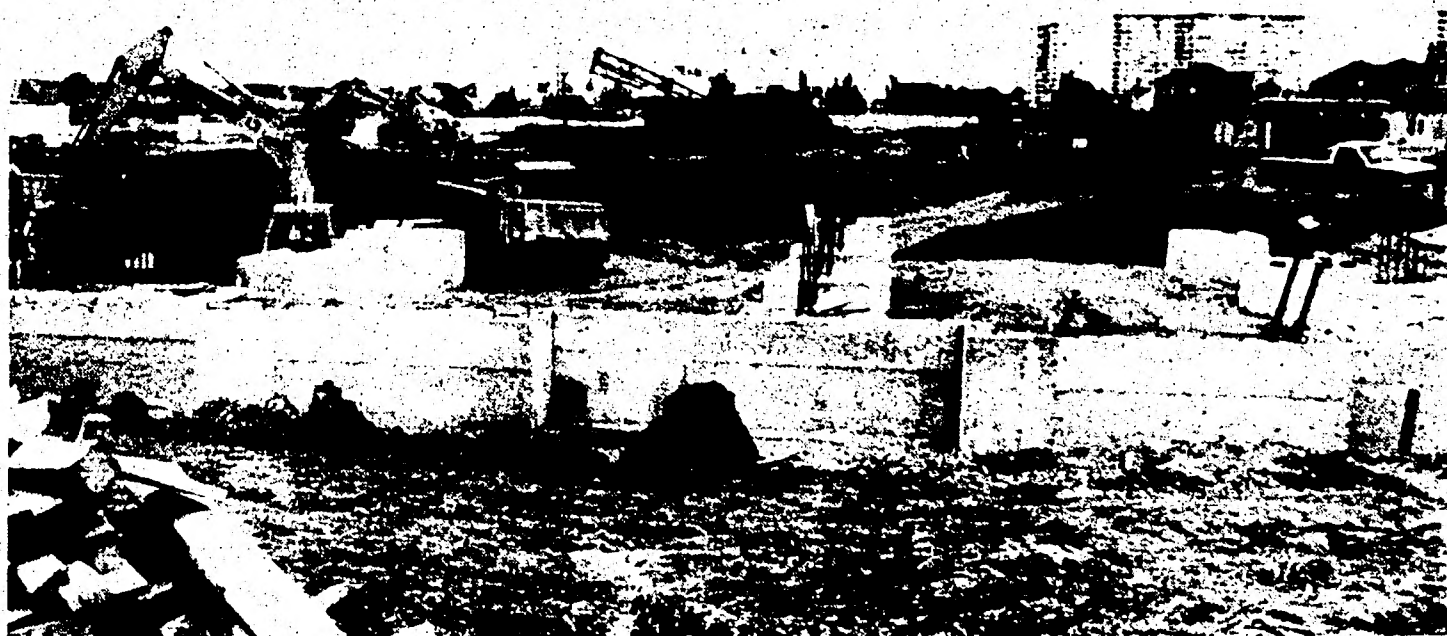
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Construction on Ohr Somayach assisted housing project, with Beth Avraham Yoseph Synagogue in the background.

Ohr Somayach housing units slated for March completion

By RON CSILLAG

Construction of the Ohr Somayach assisted housing project on Clark Avenue is proceeding apace after heated opposition to the building fizzled over the past year.

In May of last year, the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) gave the project the final green light after area residents, who had voiced their opposition, more or less resigned themselves to the structure.

The project, situated on a 1.8-hectare plot of land between the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation and the Garnet Williams Community Centre, is slated for completion next March.

When Ohr Somayach, an Orthodox educational outreach organization based in Israel, unveiled the project more than two years ago, area residents, mainly on nearby Beavishire Circle, York Hill Boulevard and Tangreen Court, immediately clashed with the developer, Runnymede Development Corp., which built up much of the surrounding neighborhood and owned the land.

Avraham Yoseph's principal benefactor. He donated the land to Ohr Somayach, which in turn sold it to Ohr Somayach Residence Centre Inc., a separate legal entity.

Residents were concerned that the project would lead to increased congestion, traffic, noise and strain on services.

They also charged that normal procedures were not followed in the developer's proposal to rezone the land from low to high density and that Runnymede bypassed public hearings by going directly to the OMB.

In May 1991, a compromise was reached. Runnymede agreed to downsize the building from 240 units on 14 floors to 125 units on eight floors, with some of the upper storeys sloped back from Clark Avenue.

But residents charged that the latter dimensions had been Runnymede's plan all along.

Ratepayers geared up for a battle at the OMB but by the time the case came up for review, opposition had dissipated, says Beavishire Circle resident David Sherman.

Sherman told *The CJN* that residents were not ready with the studies needed to sway the OMB "and I wasn't going to do them all myself."

Sherman, who had led the battle against the building, is still not happy with the dimensions.

"I'm not against the concept but I still think it will be too large," he said.

Rabbi Avram Rothman, executive director of the Canadian Friends of Ohr Somayach, told *The CJN* the building will have underground parking, which will alleviate parking on surrounding streets.

The project is good for the community and will benefit Ohr Somayach, he added.

All the "realistic" concerns that had been raised by residents have been addressed, Rabbi Rothman said.

Some of those concerns were inaccurate while others were "malicious."

He said Ohr Somayach has been getting between five and 10 calls a week requesting information and that there is a "tremendous" waiting list for units.

Resident can't get information

Seventy percent of the units will have rents geared to income, with the rest to have rents geared to market value. Senior citizens are expected to comprise up to 35 percent of the building's residents.

Sherman was also concerned that one of the building's exit routes would cut into the synagogue's parking lot, creating extra traffic, but he says that now appears not to be the case.

What "puzzles" Sherman now is that he's been unable to get information from Ontario's housing ministry on which companies were awarded the construction contracts and what the amounts of the tender bids were.

Sherman says he'll go through Ontario's Freedom of Information act to get the documents.

Rabbi Rothman said all the bids were submitted by secret tender and that everything about the project "has been done above board."

Opposition 'fizzled out'

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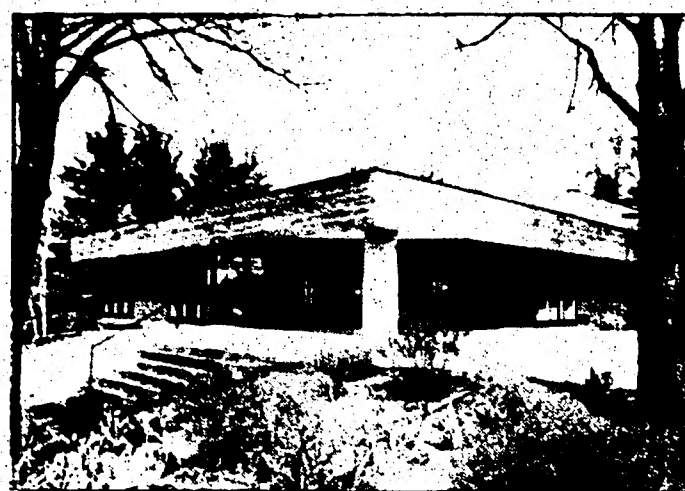
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THORNHILL — The internationally-renowned Kumon Math program keeps adding up in Thornhill. To meet overwhelming local demand for this unique and proven method of learning, the fourth Kumon Math Centre is opening here next month.

There will be an open house at the new centre on June 17 at 7:30 p.m. at the Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation, 613 Clark Ave. W. Parents and children interested in learning about this method of teaching mathematics to children, are invited to attend free of charge.

The other three centres are located at the Thornhill United Church (Steeles and Yonge), the Thornhill Community Centre (Bayview and John) and the Dufferin Clark Library (Steeles and Dufferin).

The Kumon Method, which originated in Japan 35 years ago, is the world's largest math learning pro-

gram. The method allows children to solve problems by themselves and progress at their own pace through a series of individual workshops — covering pre-school level through to calculus — until the work is perfect and completely understood within a specific time frame.

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"Kumon kids are not intimidated by math, they actually love it," says Julie Godel, instructor of the new Thornhill centre.

For more information about or to enrol in the new centre in Thornhill, call Godel at (416) 490-1722.

Service groups for women attracting more members

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Women's service groups play an important role in the Jewish community and more and more women in York Region want to be a part of them.

B'nai Brith Women of Canada (630-9313) has several chapters in the region, the newest being Northern Lights, geared to women in Newmarket and Aurora. The 3-year-old chapter now has about 30 members, many with young families. The Markham-Unionville chapter has been in existence for over nine years.

Eileen Fields, member services coordinator, says every chapter takes part in fundraising activities for BBW's many projects, which include a children's home in Israel and a kosher shelter for abused women and children in Toronto. An annual knitting project produces about 1,000 pairs of mittens for needy children across Canada.

Most groups meet twice a month and alternate business and program meetings with such activities as speakers, demonstrations or discussions.

An annual Health Day, sponsored by BBW, includes information on all aspects of women's health.

Hadassah-WIZO (789-4373) has many chapters in Thornhill including one for young married, professional women and two for single women.

Chapters, which meet two or three times a month, choose their own programs which often include speakers, book reviews, various demonstrations or discussions.

to suit women of all age groups and interests.

Branches take part in such projects as helping recent immigrants and a Passover food drive. Council provides branches with a list of speakers and can help keep costs down by arranging for branches to share a speaker.

Na'amat (636-5425), with about six groups in York Region, represents women of all ages.

The organization's current project is the prevention of abuse of the elderly, children and spouses.

Chapters usually meet every two weeks and run programs of particular interest to each group. Proceeds from the groups' fundraising activities go toward building a new daycare centre in Ashdod as well as towards the maintenance of Na'amat's women's centres, vocational high schools and 837 day-care centres throughout Israel.

Emunah Women (635-9847) has two York Region chapters which meet once a month for various program and business meetings.

Fundraising activities go towards Emunah Women's projects in Israel such as Neve Michael, a children's village in Pardes Chana.

Couples

Toronto Women's ORT (787-0297) has several chapters in the region and offers one for Russian-speaking women as well as one for couples. It is in the process of developing new chapters in the Richmond Hill and Markham area.

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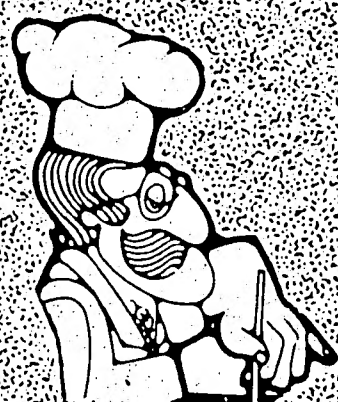
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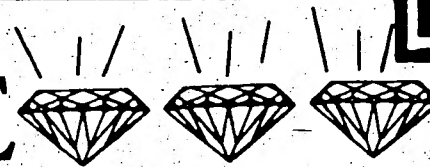
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Jewish choirs show their stuff

By PAULA CITRON

TORONTO — The Toronto Jewish Music Committee has been presenting choral concerts featuring various synagogue and community choirs for 40 years.

The 1993 concert, held recently at Beth Tzedec, showcased 11 such choirs and as committee chair Sheldon Disenhouse pointed out in his opening remarks, the potential for growth is enormous. After all, only three choirs participated in the inaugural event 40 years ago.

The 1993 concert also marked the committee's newly formed affiliation with the Jewish Community Centre, whose Judaic Development Program sponsored the event. This merging of interests can only mean a more vibrant profile for Jewish music in the Greater Toronto area.

Like its sister concerts in the past, this evening of Jewish choral music represented mainly the traditional and folk song genres, the more accessible material in the canon. With the concert falling close to the anniversary celebration of Jerusalem's re-unification, many of the choirs opted for songs devoted to the Holy City.

As usual, Canadian Jewish composers got their fair outing while several of the choirs brought along their cantors or featured soloists for vocal diversity. Whatever the choice of music — either a cappella or backed by a variety of instruments — this concert tradition never fails to impress by demonstrating the wealth of material available within the Jewish musical repertoire. In short, Jews love to sing and have a wonderful tra-

dition of music to draw upon.

The choirs, for the most part, were made up of enthusiastic amateurs of which the lion's share are women. Some choirs had sufficient skill to attempt complex part harmony and vocal lines while others were confined by their choral directors to mostly joint unison singing with occasional simple harmonies.

One can always count on interesting choices of music and it was this very diversity which made the concert so enjoyable. Kudos should also be given to the organizers who marched their charges on and off the bimah in lickety-split fashion; this concert in particular had no wasted time and there was no conscious feeling that the program was overlong even though there were many participants.

The choral directors themselves represented an impressive Who's Who of Jewish musical life. They aimed, as always, to produce the highest quality product tailored to the skills and personalities of their choirs. And the choirs did radiate their own unique personalities. For example, Charles Heller's Zemer Chorale from Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, one of the few choirs that managed to project a bright sound in the cavernous Beth Tzedec sanctuary, is made up of some very individual voices but Heller has managed to weld these rogue sounds into a distinctive whole.

Also among the heavy-hitters were Snul Irving Glick's Beth Tikvah Choir with its even sound; Ben Steinberg's Temple Sinai Choir, which exhibited a tight discipline; and Cantor Benjamin Maissner's Holy Blossom Temple Singers, who produced

balanced and blended harmonies. These choirs, along with Gordon Kushner's small professional Beth Tzedec Choir, attempted the most difficult music of the evening. The latter, in fact, sang only one extended piece but in a most impressive style. *Na'aritz'cha*, by 17th-century composer Salomone Rossi, was a complex motet of interweaving counterpoint.

Always enjoyable was the much admired, all-female Heritage Singers under Edith Narvey-Komisar, one of the few groups to perform without scores in hand. In the beautiful Sephardi song *Yo M'enomori D'un Aire*, arranged by the director, the sopranos created a stunning crystalline waterfall of sound that began in unison and spread out into a nine-part cascade of notes down the scale.

Marilyn Biernbaum, who sang in several choirs, brought her enthusiastic Makhelat Reena Youth and Temple Kol Ami choirs to the event. Together the choirs backed Cantor Ephraim Sapir in a rousing Sephardi folk song, *Amen Shem Nora*, which required some highly technical Spanish "sobs" from the cantor. In a good beginning to the program, Glick's Kol Shira Choir joyfully performed their three numbers.

Always a tradition in this choral music concert is the massed choir finale; and for this occasion, Kushner created a medley of three "Yerushalayim songs" which he conducted. The hundreds of choristers filled every nook and cranny of the Beth Tzedec bimah, and by the sheer weight of their combined sound announced that Jewish music is alive and well in this city.

Adler shines on Yiddish stage

By BEN ROSE

TORONTO — Bruce Adler owns Toronto, or at least that part of it which recognizes the lean New Yorker as the pre-eminent master of the Yiddish stage today.

The outpouring of affection for this scion of a famous Yiddish theatre family was a fitting climax to *L'Chaim* at the Leah Posluns Theatre in which he starred.

Adler does so many things so well. Whether he is singing the saucy, ribald lyrics of *That's Morris*, tap dancing up a storm in a frenzied rendition of Aaron Lebedoff's *Roumania, Roumania* or tenderly singing *Embraceable You*, the Gershwin lyric he croons in the current Broadway hit, *Crazy for You*.

To sum it up, Adler, who played *Those Were The Days* in Toronto two years ago, is a ballad singer extraordinaire, a comedian with an impeccable sense of timing and an artist who gives a real sthuch (point) to the street Yiddish of the jokes he tells.

A strong underpinning for Adler's work in *L'Chaim* comes from the play's musical director and pianist, Zalmen Mlotek, who gave a delightful introduction to the

second act by recounting his research in the dusty shelves of Jewish museums to come up with the songs that Jews sang on the sidewalks of New York.

Though there were attempts to cater to the "Yiddish impaired" part of the audience by providing English translations for some songs and dialogue, the bedrock of the show's appeal is its Yiddish and it is noteworthy that the richest and most popular of Adler's songs and skits were in untampered, original Yiddish, without translation.

But this has its down side, too. For how many more years will Adler find an audience in Toronto for the Yiddish stories that grew out of the experience of our immigrant parents in the early decades of this century?

Obviously an appeal is being made to a younger audience, though there were mighty few young people in the house. Reissa combined the English lyrics of Judy Garland's *The Trolley Song* with a Yiddish song about the consternation of an immigrant seeing his first steam engine. Adler and Reissa did an enjoyable duet, first with the regular words of Cole Porter's song about differences in pronunciation ("You say tomato," etc.) and then with Yiddish lyrics about how Gelitzeaners and Litvaks pronounce the same word in a different way.

L'Chaim's brash appeal was summed up in this line by Reissa: "Yiddish curses are like poetry in motion."

TORONTO — Add a dash of Israeli skepticism to Yiddish humor and you have a picture of Yakov Alperin of Tel Aviv, the star of *S'zol Zayn Mit Mazel* which played in Toronto recently.

Alperin told of his recent visit to the United States, where, he said, "people are afraid that Hillary Clinton will die and Bill Clinton will become president."

The lively musical, co-starring singer Fay Nicol and comedian Dinah Alperin, was brought to Toronto by Chaim Avron, artistic director of the Toronto Jewish Theatre.

It was too bad that more of Alperin's political jokes were not included, such as his comment that the real problem of 6,000 Russian doctors arriving in Israel is to find enough sick people for them.

His timing, and that of partner Dinah Alperin, were right on in the story of the troubled Israeli tourist whose airport-bound taxi killed a cat. The animal's distraught owner (Dinah) came roaring out of her house. "What can I do to help?" asked the tourist immediately. The owner thought for a moment. "Tell me," she said, "can you catch mice?"

The two main skits involved Yakov in a medical clinic ("You can die while you're waiting for a doctor") and on a park bench waiting to meet a woman date arranged by a shadkin. Naturally, everything goes wrong in both instances.

Nicol of New York, is in a class by herself when it comes to performing the traditional Yiddish songs, and encouraging audience participation. If anything, she is singing better than ever.

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Books

By
BERNARD BASKIN

The Jews In Canada, edited by Robert J. Brym, William Shafir and Morton Weinfeld (Oxford University Press, \$24.95 (paper)).

The Jewish community is a paradigm of multiculturalism; successful and cohesive, attacked and endangered, it confronts the difficulties and advantages of ethnicity in modern society.

The aim of this volume of diverse essays is to present a comprehensive portrait of Canada's 350,000 Jews. Such a detailed analysis has not been possible until now, because the basic and necessary research has been lacking.

In this wide-ranging compendium,

27 scholars deal with such concerns as anti-Semitism, intercommunal relations, women and the family, poverty and aging, politics within the Jewish community, assimilation and religious diversity. Also discussed is how Jews relate to other minorities, especially Quebecois and Ukrainians.

Running through most of the essays are two essential questions: first, how does Canadian Jewry compare — in terms of organizations, attitudes and behavior — with its counterpart in the United States? Second, how can Canadian Jews overcome the multiple challenges of modernity in their attempt to survive as a cohesive and creative religious and cultural group?

The challenges implicit in the second question include the rising tide of intermarriage, low fertility, an aging population, the decline of small communities and a distinct loss of ethnic identity and consciousness.

However, compared with Jews in

Comprehensive portrait of Canadian Jewry

the United States, Canadian Jews are far more close-knit, substantially more philanthropic and somewhat better organized, less likely to criticize Israel and more fluent in Yiddish and Hebrew.

An overview of the Canadian Jewish community reveals that Montreal Jewry is more observant and more Orthodox than any other Canadian community. Winnipeg Jewry is noted for its Yiddishism, organized life, Conservative synagogue affiliation, and, for Canada, a lower-than-average level of attachment to Israel.

British Columbian Jews fall below the national average in several measures of ritual observance and institutional affiliation, while Toronto, with over 40 percent of Canada's Jews, generally scores neither very high nor very low on Jewish involvement. On the whole, Toronto area Jews are somewhat less absorbed in many aspects of Jewish life than those in Montreal, but more immersed than most Jews elsewhere.

Sheva Medjuck, associate professor of sociology at Halifax's Mount St. Vincent University, warns that if Jewish women's voices are not heard,

the community runs the risk of losing large numbers of young, well-educated, potential leaders. "The very survival of Judaism is threatened unless we seriously address this estrangement of many Jewish women from the Jewish community."

It is likely, asserts Brym, that the more liberal and assimilated one-third portion of the community will be lost unless Jewish leaders are willing to encourage the growth of religious forms that can appeal to highly educated and cosmopolitan young people, and concern themselves with such issues of universal concern as poverty, publicly funded day care and the environment.

What emerges from this sociological study is the strong conviction that although Canadian Jews face difficult and complex problems, they are committed to traditional values and are strong, vibrant and here to stay.

Eye on Arts

Jane Cranston Mahut, founding director of the Koffler Gallery, will be retiring on June 30.

Mahut began her career with the JCC as a ceramics instructor at the Bloor branch; she then became director of the visual arts program, and in 1976 moved to the newly-opened cultural wing of the JCC on Bathurst St.

The Koffler Gallery currently produces 12 to 14 exhibitions each year in two exhibition spaces. The Koffler Gallery School of Visual Art now offers a wide range of instruction in ceramics, painting and drawing and sculpture.

A farewell party will be given in her honor on June 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gallery. The Koffler's board of directors plans to establish the Jane Mahut Resource Library as a lasting tribute to its founding director.

Matthew Teitelbaum has been appointed chief curator of the Art Gallery of Ontario, effective Sept. 15.

He will be responsible for the management and direction of curatorial activities, including the development and implementation of policy and strategic plans for the division. Teitelbaum will help shape the scope and focus of the permanent collection and exhibition program and develop and maintain donor and art community relationships.

Calgary cantor Gary Zener recently led the third annual Cantorial Concert at the city's Beth Tzedec. Four hundred Calgaryans came out to hear a selection of cantorial, Yiddish, chassidic and Israeli songs performed by Zener and special guest artist Cantor Moshe Stern.

Four Canadian playwrights have won the 1992 Floyd S. Chalmers Canadian Play Awards, worth a total of \$40,000.

Among them was Jason Sherman for *The League of Nathans*. The play explores faith, loyalty and friendship among three friends named Nathan. At the age of 7, the three Nathans form a secret society to which only Jews named Nathan can belong. Several years after going their separate ways, a telegram from one brings "the league of Nathans" together for one final meeting.

The play awards are presented annually to outstanding Canadian playwrights whose work has been performed in Metro Toronto.

Written, Directed, Starring opens at The Annex Theatre, 730 Bathurst St., on July 5 and will run until July 11. It is being directed by Joel Greenberg and stars Jody Howze and James Barrett.

The show is a recap of Howze's eight years as an actor — a show where shmoozing and connections really pay off.

Lawrence Cherney, one of Canada's foremost oboists, has won the first Jean A. Chalmers National Music Award, worth \$20,000.

This annual award is presented to a Canadian performer or performing ensemble that is making an outstanding contribution to Canadian musical creativity.

The 1993 season of Music at Sharon will feature 13 different music programs over four summer weekends from July 10 to Aug. 1 including a salute to R. Murray Schafer on the occasion of his 60th birthday on July 17.

Shaffer works being featured will include the oratorio *Jonah*, stunnig arias from *Ra*, short music theatre pieces and choral works.

For tickets to the festival call 478-8155 in Sharon or 940-4599 in Toronto.

Toronto-based artist John Abrams has been selected by the City of Chicago's Public Art committee to produce a painting for Chicago O'Hare Airport's new international terminal which is scheduled to open at the end of May.

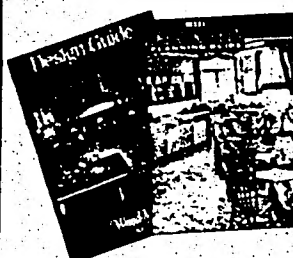
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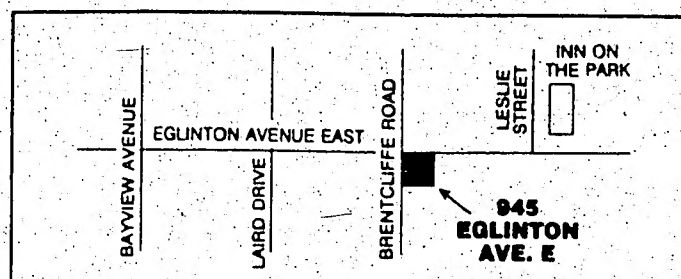
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Bayview Village was the site of a gigantic outdoor step class given by the North York YMCA. The class was expected to draw 150 people and all who participated received a 'Stepping into Action' T-shirt. The event was designed to raise money for the YMCA Community Fund that assists people who otherwise could not afford YMCA programs.

Outdoor market recreated

Of all the shopping venues people use, few have the appeal of an open-air market, where marvellous colors and aromas promise freshness and good taste.

The recently renovated Sunkist Food Market, on Woodbine just north of Steeles, has brought this concept indoors.

Jack Comella and Angelo Pugliese, who took over the nearly 65-year-old Sunkist Food Market chain in 1967, have re-created the outdoor market — with additions.

The produce selection is extensive. One can find different shapes and colors of eggplant and squash, bright orange persimmons, mangos, kiwi and strawberries, tantalizing oriental vegetables.

But there's more.

Comella and Pugliese also stock specialty grocery products, like exotic salad dressings and marinades and sauces, an in-store bakery, a cappuccino bar, delicatessen and meat counter.

Recognizing the busy life-styles of today's patrons, there is also a salad bar and gourmet-to-go section.

"People crave stores that provide high quality," says Comella. "They want nearby places, where they can visit regularly and become known on a regular basis."

The Woodbine store specifically addresses these concerns, he says, explaining "the service counters encourage interaction with customers; in fact, the whole atmosphere is conducive to special service, including

providing specialty items requested by customers."

Sunkist Food Markets was founded by Sam Comella and Sam Badali in 1929. It has grown from a store on Danforth Avenue in Toronto's East End to a chain of three in the greater Toronto area, all, says Comella, "providing a place where customers can find value for the money, without compromising quality."

All the stores feature a wide range of grocery products, as well as a bakery, delicatessen, meat counter and fresh pasta and salad bars.

Comella says that the key to Sunkist's success "has been the strict attention we pay to consistent quality of our merchandise, service and impeccably clean stores."

Private employment firms access hidden job market

By PERRY SHOOM

Studies show that only about 20 percent of job openings in Canada today are advertised.

This is not surprising, considering the small- to medium-sized companies responsible for creating the majority of new jobs do not have the time or resources to review the hundreds of resumes that an advertisement could potentially return.

An increasing number of job seekers are supplementing traditional job seeking approaches — newspaper advertisements, employment centre listings and school bulletin boards — by aligning themselves with private employment services.

Electronic services, voice resume services and resume filing services are just some of the new employment services that provide job seekers with access to the "hidden" job market.

These services help people find jobs by keeping close contact with companies that are hiring and providing them with resumes of qualified job seekers, offering job seekers lists of companies that are hiring and storing resumes for employers.

They are different from personnel agencies, largely because they do not take a salary percentage once a person is hired.

There are many kinds of services, each geared towards different needs. What works for one person may not be appropriate for another.

Here is a breakdown of some of the more widely-used services today:

Electronic Services: These are the newest services available. They use computer technology to process and store the resumes of job seekers. When a company has a position to fill, it provides the service with specific requirements for that position. A computer search is done and the company takes in resumes of qualified prospects. The cost of joining such a service can range from \$25 to \$300.

Benefits: There is no limit to what job seekers can put on their "electronic" resume; these services attract a large number of companies due to the relatively low costs of having a resume search done; and electronic services can cater to the needs of many companies at once.

Disadvantages: Some services claim to be electronic, but are little more than manual filing services with some form of computerization.

Voice Resume Service: These services have job seekers record their experience into a computer voice mail system, which organizations access when looking to fill a position. Some of the more advanced systems can assign resumes to particular

classifications. Cost of membership ranges from \$40 to \$100.

Benefits: Job seekers get to record their own message; companies are often able to access these services free of charge and therefore may be inclined to use them faster than some of the others.

Disadvantages: On the other hand, in recording their resumes, job seekers are often limited in their ability to provide details of their experience; first impression of employers may be based on voice rather than qualifications; for employers, a significant amount of time must be dedicated to listening to resumes on the telephone.

Manual Resume Filing Services: Resumes are stored manually in files or on a simple computer database. In most cases, they are classified according to fields of interests. Companies can access these services by fax, modem or telephone. While some services are available at little or no cost, others can range up to \$300.

Benefits: Job seekers are not limited in what they can include in their resumes; for companies with modem-computer hook-ups, this service may be quick and efficient; access by fax is convenient.

Disadvantages: Because of the simple nature of the database, these services limit employers' ability to be specific in terms of qualifications; companies may have to repeat the process numerous times; there is a limited market of companies with modems or telephone lines hooked into computers.

Other services available include resume delivery services (where job seekers are guaranteed that their resumes will be passed on to a specified number of employers); job listing services (which provide a list of available jobs); and job hunting services (offering career counseling, resume writing and faxing services).

Before making a selection, it is important to shop around and compare services. There are four key questions that job seekers should ask in the decision:

- Does the service offer something that I am unable to do myself?
- Does the cost justify the potential benefit or risk?
- Which employers utilize the service?
- What is the track record of the service?

Perry Shoom is president of Thornhill-based Electronic Resume Network, a service which electronically links job seekers and employers. For a complimentary chart comparing the different types of private employment services available in Ontario, please call the Electronic Resume Network at (416) 889-0472.

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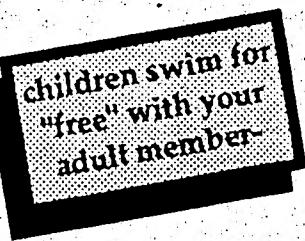
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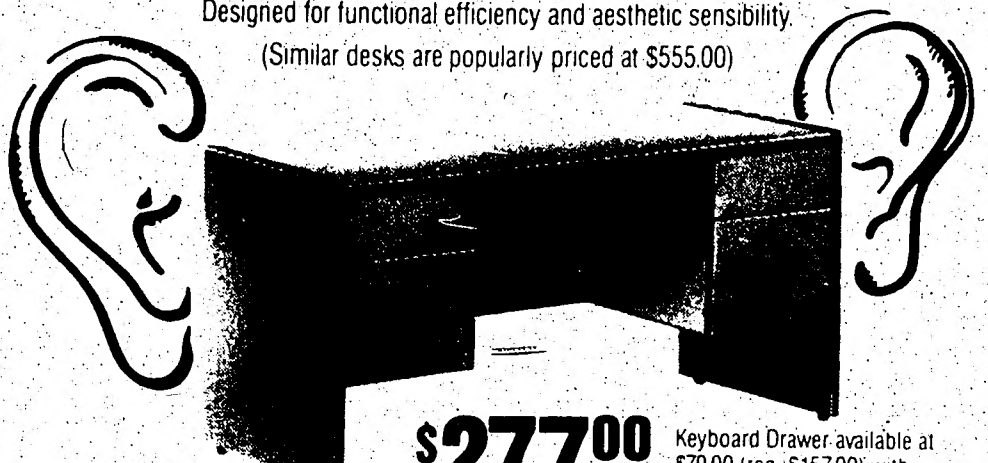
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Global competition addressed

By STEPHANIE CHAPMAN

Competing in a global marketplace is a thought that is preoccupying, and perhaps intimidating, many Canadian government officials and business leaders today.

All seem to agree that a change in traditional thinking is required in order to beat the competition but the question remains of how to implement such broad alterations.

Last week, the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce invited Dezo J. Horvath, dean of the Faculty of Administrative Studies at York University, to shed some light on this issue.

Addressing the luncheon crowd at the Primrose Club, Horvath said Canada's fall from the competitive marketplace is not just to be blamed on the country's large deficit.

"In the world of business and management, there have been more changes in the last four or five years than ever before," he said.

Horvath pinpointed several areas that have contributed to Canada's economic woes such as the increased growth in exports, foreign-directed investments and a change in technology.

"Canada has not invested a lot in R & D. In fact, we have been a large importer of technology," Horvath said, citing this as one of the major problems.

What Canada has is an extensive industry base that relies heavily on raw materials, and therefore, many companies can't compete in a global setting that is steeped in hi-tech advances.

"We put everything in a one small basket when between 75 to 80 percent of our trade was with the United States."

He remembers a time when investment was flowing into the country but said such influxes are gone today. As a telling example, in 1991 Japan was only investing \$4 billion in the Asian Pacific and Europe. Today, that figure has jumped to \$40 billion.

What can be done to stem the tide



Pictured here are (left to right) Jack Gwartz, chair of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce, Dezo Horvath, dean of Faculty of Administrative Studies at York University and David Goldstein, president of the Canada-Israel Chamber of Commerce.

of outgoing investment dollars?

Horvath says Canada has to survive on its own. He urged either requesting investments from other countries or taking charge to create a positive environment at home.

"Our software industry is growing but it needs more encouragement. We have to become more globally-oriented — not just with the U.S. — and create a more diversified marketplace," he said, adding that had this been done previously, the recession could have been avoided.

Horvath stressed that the right product and service will entice foreign investment. A new economy will emerge when we get involved in the world of opportunity, he said.

On the downside, Horvath said implementing a new system will pose problems because of Canada's three categories of business people. The first is the group that refuses to look beyond the next border. Unfortunately, the group that believes there are still monumental opportunities between Canada and the U.S. is quite large.

The second group, one that is slowly increasing in size, understands there are great opportunities across

the world but doesn't know how to access those markets.

The third group does their best to experience the changing global environment but lacks the knowledge base to be able to function effectively.

"This is something the faculty has realized for a while. Our business schools are part of the problem why Canadian business is not globally-oriented. In the past, the schools did have some international training but for the most part corporations did not ask them to use that knowledge."

Horvath said the international MBA program at York relies on additional skills that can be used to breakdown psychological barriers when it comes to establishing a business in another country.

This program includes language skills, a study of the social and political structure and a three- to six-month co-operative exchange in that country.

Horvath stressed that a network of alliances has to be established to allow overseas communication.

"Still, this is not enough. We have to influence the business community of today," he said, adding that this is being done through the exchanges.

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Marky's makes camping easy

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN

Youngsters and the young at heart will love shopping at Marky's Warehouse Outlet at 7171 Yonge St. in Thornhill.

Not only is the store brimming with basics such as socks, underwear, T-shirts, denims, licensed sports clothes and a variety of sweats and other casuals, the prices are great, parking is free, and coffee and cookies are always available.

Howard Esakov, who owns the store along with Peter Riley, says when they opened a year and a half ago, their goal was to offer whatever kids want, at reasonable prices. "We'll match any price if a customer brings in an advertisement and we do our best to order anything that is not in stock. We have a special request book in which we record any missing sizes, colors and even something we do not carry at the time. We real-

ly do our best to please and as a result we have a lot of repeat customers."

With summer just around the corner, Marky's is proud to be the one-stop camp shop, carrying almost anything the camper needs. Clothing such as tank tops, shorts, sweatshirts and pants, denim jeans, shorts and shirts; bedding; nylon and canvas bags; and hardware such as ground sheets, water bottles, soap and toothbrush holders, and flashlights are all available. A camp checklist makes it very easy to organize the shopping spree and staff are always ready to help.

A store favorite is the licensed sports clothing, with Blue Jays and Maple Leafs available year-round and other teams available in season. Caps, hooded and regular sweatshirts, T-shirts and sweatpants adorned with the logo of various professional and college sports teams will be sure to

please the most avid sports fan.

With a printing press right on the premises, Marky's can print anything the customer desires on a sweatshirt or T-shirt in 10 seconds. Shoppers can select from over 100 in-store prints or bring in a favorite photo. As well, custom orders can be arranged for such events as a conference or reunion.

Looney Tunes items are big this year and Marky's will be carrying a full range of adult and kids items such as baseball caps and shirts. "Also quite trendy are plaid flannels, available in such items as shirts and boxer shorts. Not only do they look good, they're great for camp," says Esakov.

Never forgetting the younger kids, Marky's has lots of Barney T-shirts, Milton Funwear and 101 Dalmation jumpsuits. "We aim to please everyone from age 2 to 92," says Esakov.



Pictured here are the owners and staff members of Marky's.

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ECONOMIC NEWS FROM ISRAEL

Legislation to attract investment

JERUSALEM — Finance Minister Avraham Shohat approved a legislative proposal to create a free export production area as an additional venue to attract foreign investment.

Reacting to the announcement, David Yerushalmi, CEO of the Israel Export Corporation, which promoted the concept, said "the government draft proposal shows the real mark of economic reform."

He said that before the announcement, a number of high technology companies had committed themselves to be located in such a zone leading to the creation of up to 20,000 new jobs.

Shohat said this new channel for direct foreign investment should be tried, and if successful, would create thousands of jobs at no cost while preserving existing labor laws.

The legislation provides the means to reduce bureaucracy by creating a one-stop administrative centre intended to solve problems usually dealt by different government officials.

The zone will be established in an area of 500 acres in either the Negev or Galilee.

Bruno confirmed that he had expected to assume this post when the World Bank offer came in. He said that he plans to assume the position and relocate to Washington D.C. in September.

Surplus loan guarantees

JERUSALEM — The Treasury has lowered significantly its current account deficit estimates for the 1993-1996 period, thus raising the possibility that the government will not need the entire \$10 billion to be provided by the US loan guarantees.

According to a Treasury economic assessment paper to be presented at the first cabinet meeting on the 1994 budget, the deficit will reach \$400 million this year and is expected to hover around \$1 billion a year between 1994 and 1996.

The Treasury expects 80,000 immigrants this year and 120,000 per year starting in 1994. Investments are to increase by 20 percent in 1993 after which their growth will slow down.

Private construction will expand slightly and exports are to grow between 9 percent and 10 percent a year.

Scitex to buy Dayton from Kodak

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JERUSALEM — Professor Michael Bruno, former governor of the Bank of Israel, is slated to become vice president and chief economist of the World Bank.

The offer of the prestigious World Bank position came on the heels of reports that Bruno had accepted a position with the Bank for East European Development.

CORRECTION

In the June 3 issue of *The CJN*, the Party Planner supplement featured an article about florists in which several errors appeared.

To clarify, Covent Garden Flower Market (960-5800) is owned by Jane Bossin and partner Cheryl Glassman. Although it was not stated, Covent Garden creates floral arrangements and specialty fruit baskets for weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, anniversaries, restaurant openings and other special occasions of any size. *The CJN* regrets the error.

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160 ISRAEL PROPERTY FOR RENT

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2 triplexes, avail. separately or together. Updated income prop. Sarit Silverberg, Landmark Rlty. Inc., 299-1818 or 347-1818.

230 BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ISRAEL BONDS
We cash Israel bonds, old and new. For best quotes call **Wobum Securities**, 787-1566.

Shomer shabbos. individual willing to relocate. Good opportunity. Send resume to Place Bonaventure, P.O. Box 1449, Montreal, Que., H5A 1H4.

Well established manufacturer of wedding, bar/bat mitzvah invitations, benches, printed matches, turnkey, profitable; reasonably priced. Brian Greenspan, Alan Ungerman R.E. 731-7111.

240 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Challenging opportunity for a dynamic, highly organized individual with strong communication and interpersonal skills, to work in an active retirement home. Social worker preferred. Minimum B.S.W., with background in gerontology. Submit resume to Elie Saibil, Administrator, Pine Villa, 1035 Eglinton Ave. West, Toronto, M6C 2C8.

Experienced baker required. Full or part time. Call 782-3256.

Preschool program, children aged 3-4, requires staff. Knowledge of Jewish holidays/ traditions. E.C.E. preferred. Fax resume 631-7200, call 665-7660.

SECRETARY
A full time position for Community Organization. Full command of the English language and computer operation requested. Send resume and references to Box 5902 C.J.N.

245 EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Certified management accountant seeks full time/part time position. Call 785-4636.

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Babysitter, Bathurst/Wilson area, for Saturday nights. Good pay. 630-1944 evenings.

Elderly Jewish man with early Alzheimers needs daily companionship. Driver's license and Yiddish speaking male (only) required. Call 886-0503.

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270 PERSONALS

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For self-discipline, respect and self-esteem.

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275 PERSONAL COMPANIONS WANTED

Are you a special woman, 30's, accomplished, very intelligent, well-educated, trusting and passionate yet reticent - introspective, strong ethics, quite traditional observant - uncompromising still seeking a possible partner and devoted friend appreciating you? Box 5898 CJN.

Attractive male, very attractive, one of a kind and not to mention with a great sense of humour, affectionate, romantic...I believe in excitement, adventure and fun times. I enjoy traveling, outdoors, sports, working out, dancing, opera, ballet, movies, special times together. Would like to meet a very, very attractive, slim non-smoker, honest and down to earth special lady who's got her act together for friendship first and leading to a committed, long lasting relationship. Please no dependents and no extra baggage. If we were all honest, then we would admit that looks and chemistry are important. If this sounds like we could share these qualities and much, much more, then reply today. Please send a recent photo which I will return. Box 5900 CJN.

275 PERSONAL COMPANIONS WANTED

Attractive, fit, professional male, seeks open-minded female for relationship. 633-3863.

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Professional woman, 44, sensitive, humorous, cultured, seeks a man who can make me laugh and has varied interests, for romance and a relationship. Box 5899 CJN.

SJF, young mid-40's, attractive and athletic, considerate, romantic, traditional values, great sense of humour, accomplished and successful, desires a very special gentleman, beautiful inside and out, who appreciates the finer things in life as well as the common, to age 57, for committed relationship. Box 5901 CJN.

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Don Mills, Ontario
M3C 3A1

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285 SOCIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Raphael-Lasko. Ann & Byron Raphael & Luba & Sheldon Lasko are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Sharon and Oren. Proud grandparents are Marion Ford, Sarah & Abe Raphael, Norma & Jack Chrosicki & Anna Lasko.

300 ARTICLES FOR SALE

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Tennis anyone?

Find a match and maybe even love!

CJN Personals.



330 OBITUARIES

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ISRAEL CANCER RESEARCH FUND
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Steinberg, Feige. On Thursday, June 3, 1993. Feige Steinberg, beloved wife of Chaim, loving mother and mother in law of Marilyn Risman and Carl Wilson, Alan and Marcia Moshe, and Gil Risman. Dear sister and sister in law of Sylvia Balik of Philadelphia, Lisa Fonar of Tel Aviv and Joseph and Alice Winkerman of Boston. Devoted grandmother of Shael Carey, Jared and Nicole Risman and Aaron Moshe-Steinberg. Memorial donations to Association For The Soldiers of Israel.

Hirtenberg, Joseph on May 28, 1993, late of 550 Cranbrook Ave. Isaakov, Liza on May 28, 1993, late of 12 Goldfinch Crt., #603. Israeliewicz, Kalman on May 24, 1993, late of 522 Glengarry Ave. Jutovich, Julia on May 28, 1993, late of 43 Palm Drive. Mutiger, Harry on May 30, 1993, late of 115 Dembourne Ave. Ringal, Andre (Andrew) on May 26, 1993. Price, Morris on May 24, 1993. Robins, Esther on May 25, 1993, late of 5950 Bathurst St., #606. Rotenberg, Sam on May 25, 1993, late of 19 London Street.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**MORRIS
PREMSKY** ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 20,
10:00 a.m.

Mt. Sinai
Memorial Park
Independent Section
Labour Zionist Alliance
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**HARRY
GRAM** ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 20th,
9:45 a.m.

Mount Sinai
Memorial Park
Jewish War Veterans Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**Dr. Louis H.
Lager** ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 27,
2:00 p.m.

Shaar Hashomayim
Cemetery
2618 - 2650 Pillette Road,
Windsor, Ont.
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**Helena (Oma)
Nagel** ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 20th,
10:30 a.m.

Bathurst Lawn
Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**Gertrude
Dubins** ז"ל
loving wife of Ben,
mother of Sy and Jacques
will take place
Sunday, June 27th,
9:30 a.m.

Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Adath Israel Section
Relatives & friends are invited to attend.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**Sam
Disenhouse** ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 20th,
1:00 p.m.

Bathurst Lawn
Memorial Park
All For One Section
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633-6661

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
**Alec Abraham
Agasee** ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, June 20th,
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Bathurst Lawn
Memorial Park
Ostrotzer Section
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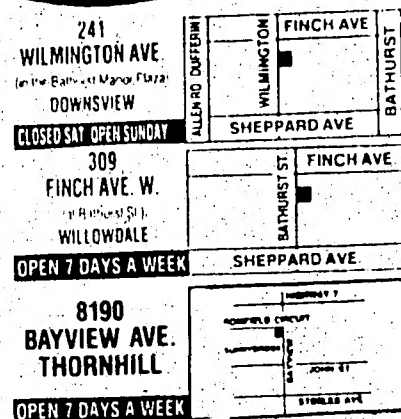
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